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## 2 Lebanese soldiers reported killed by IAF hits

DAVID RUDGE and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

At least two Lebanese Army soldiers were said to have been killed and seven others wounded when IAF helicopter gunships hit their position near Mansouri village southeast of Tyre yesterday, according to reports from the region.

In a separate incident, Lebanese radio stations reported that a Lebanese man had been killed either by Israel Navy or Air Force attacks while traveling along the coastal road between Sidon and Tyre yesterday.

Reports said naval gunships pounded the coastal road linking those two cities with a shell every minute to prevent Hizbullah from sending reinforcements or weapons to the region. Reports from Lebanon said the Israeli navy was allowing boats into Beirut only after strict checks.

IAF warplanes and helicopter gunships, as well as IDF artillery, blasted Hizbullah targets north of the zone over the weekend - especially yesterday - in response to continuing Katyusha rocket attacks on the Galilee.

A woman resident of an Arab village in the Galilee and two of her children were treated for shock yesterday after Katyusha rockets fell near their home.

On Friday, a packaging factory and an apartment in Kiryat Shmona were badly damaged in one of the heaviest bombardments of Katyusha rockets on the Galilee in a single day since Operation Grapes of Wrath began.

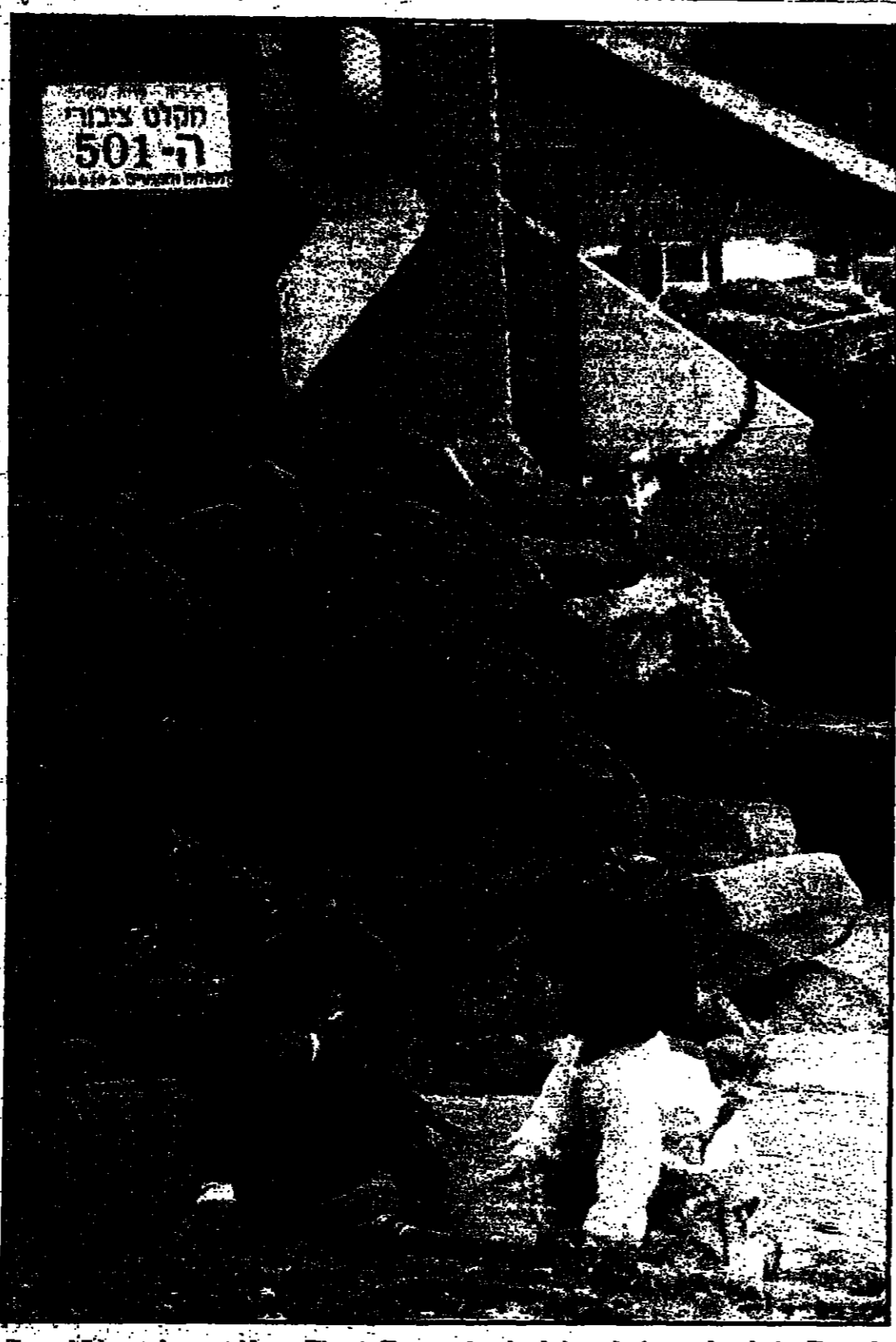
Altogether, Hizbullah has fired around 500 Katyusha rockets at the Galilee and the security zone since the beginning of Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Senior army officers said Hizbullah had recently received scores of Katyusha rockets from Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command. According to the sources, the transfer of the Katyusha rockets from Jibril's organization to Hizbullah was carried out with the knowledge and acquiescence of the Syrians.

Hizbullah is expected to try and increase its attacks with Katyusha rockets and any other long range weapons at its disposal before any cease-fire can be reached. Hizbullah hopes to thus be able to earn more prestige for having maintained its attacks on the Galilee, despite intensive air raids and IDF artillery bombardments.

Iran, meanwhile, has publicly praised Hizbullah for its fighting stance and urged the organization.

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Two children play outside a Kiryat Shmona bomb shelter during a break in Katyusha attacks on the city yesterday.

## Quick cease-fire won't be easy - Christopher

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher expressed doubt yesterday that a cease-fire could be attained in Lebanon within the next few days.

"There is still some difficult terrain to go over," he said on his way from Amsterdam to Damascus at the start of his shuttle diplomacy between Syria and Israel that is expected to last several days.

"There is clearly still some distance to go. I don't take it for granted that we can get a cease-fire and I expect some difficult discussions over the next 24 or 48 hours."

Christopher met last night with Syrian President Hafez Assad, and was not expected to arrive here until this morning.

Assad earlier met Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, one of a bevy of foreign ministers in Damascus seeking to end the fighting between Israel and Hizbullah.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres estimated on Friday that there are good chances of reaching a cease-fire soon. He noted Israel has agreed to a truce and is doing everything it can to end the military operation as soon as possible.

Peres said Israel should not give up the goals of Operation Grapes of Wrath, but conceded that the accidental shelling which killed some 100 Lebanese civilians at a UNIFIL compound near Tyre has brought the operation closer to its end.

Any change in the operation's goals would lead to a long and bloody war, he said.

Minister Yossi Beilin told Army Radio: "Our goal was the most modest in the world: to cause a halt to Katyushas on Kiryat Shmona, which to my sorrow is still happening today."

"The moment there are no Katyushas there, the moment they

MICHAL YUDELMAN and news agencies

are not harming our civilians, this operation will end."

US President Bill Clinton said yesterday he believes there is still life in the Middle East peace process but declined to predict how quickly diplomats can achieve a cease-fire.

"I have found that predictions are not particularly useful, so I don't want to voice optimism or pessimism," Clinton told a news conference shortly after French President Jacques Chirac predicted a cease-fire might be achieved by today.

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah met Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati in Damascus and said in a statement issued in Beirut that his fighters would stop firing Katyusha rockets at northern Israel only after Israel halted its attack on south Lebanon.

French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette urged Velayati in Damascus yesterday to persuade Hizbullah to accept a cease-fire, a French spokesman said.

In his comments yesterday, Clinton blamed Hizbullah for triggering the violence by launching Katyusha rockets into northern Israel 10 days ago and called it "a direct attempt to drive a stake through the heart of the peace process."

"I think what happened in the last 10 days happened because there is life in the peace process," Clinton said. "They want to kill the peace process. And I think the fact that they want to kill it shows that there is still life in it."

He also said Hizbullah is probably pleased that Israel's reaction to the rocket attacks "included the certain misfiring of shells that killed all those civilians."

Peres disclosed last night that before Thursday's bombing in Kana, he had sent a letter to the

UNIFIL commander telling him to prevent attacks on Israel from the area, Israel Radio reported.

Speaking on Channel 2 Friday night, Peres admitted that the shelling of the civilians was a tragic mistake, and had he known there were civilians near the IDF targets, he would not have approved the shelling.

"The tragedy occurred because we knew they were firing at us from a UNIFIL compound, whose people take shelter as soon as there is fire. What we did not know, was that there was a concentration of 500 or 600 civilians there, who had fled from the villages," he said.

The shelling itself "was a miss. The source of fire according to our forces was 350 to 250 meters away from there. Two shells apparently went out of their course."

Peres told members of the Council for Peace and Security at Tel Aviv University earlier on Friday that the goals of Operation Grapes of Wrath were and remain ensuring the security of the northern settlements, preventing any harm to citizens, and taking resolute action if our forces in the security zone are attacked.

Peres said there are three ways to end the fighting in Lebanon. One is a mutual truce, which Israel agrees to, following the US's call to all the sides in the dispute to reach a cease-fire, providing all the sides involved do the same.

The second option is an interim agreement with Lebanon, "which we also agreed to discuss with Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, if he wants to meet us," Peres said.

He noted "we have no territorial or other claims on Lebanon and we have recognized the international border between us. We are prepared to have the Lebanon (Continued on Page 3)

## Northerners still under attack

DAVID RUDGE

HIZBULLAH continued to pound the Galilee with Katyusha rockets yesterday - despite calls by world leaders for a cease-fire.

A woman and two of her children had to be treated for shock after Katyusha rockets fell near their home in an Arab village in the Western Galilee.

Residents of the village complained afterward that there was a shortage of bomb shelters in the village, which had exacerbated the fears of inhabitants.

Hizbullah gunmen fired over 10 salvos of rockets at areas of the Western and Central Galilee and the Galilee Panhandle yesterday after an even heavier barrage on Friday.

In most of the cases yesterday

the rockets exploded in open land without causing any casualties or serious damage.

Nearly 70 Katyusha rockets were fired at the Galilee on Friday in one of the heaviest bombardments of the region by Hizbullah gunmen since the beginning of Operation Grapes of Wrath on April 11.

Most of the rockets also fell in open areas, although a number landed in Kiryat Shmona, causing extensive damage to property. A rocket exploded in the yard of a fruit packaging plant, setting fire to piles of wooden pallets and crates outside, as well as damaging the factory itself.

Fire brigade crews went to the scene and quickly contained the blaze, although damage was extensive. Later, emergency crews discovered that an apartment in the town had also been hit and set ablaze in the same salvo.

The discovery took longer than normal because the entire building was unoccupied. A fireman was lightly injured from glass fragments while tackling the blaze, and at one stage the fire engine rolled down a slope and hit two parked cars.

As a result of the delays in tackling the fire, the apartment was badly damaged and parts of it gutted.

According to reports, more (Continued on Page 3)

## Police disperse hundreds of rioting Nazareth protesters

News agencies

LARGE numbers of police fired tear gas to disperse hundreds of Nazareth residents who threw stones and bottles and blocked the town's main street, after a protest over the IDF's shelling in southern Lebanon turned into a riot yesterday.

Police spokesman Eric Bar-Chen said residents pelted bottles and stones at police, breaking the window of one police car and slightly damaging several others.

Eight people were arrested. The organizers of the Nazareth protest said they asked demon-

strators to disperse peacefully after the confrontations.

Nazareth Mayor Ramsi Jaraiseh and Hadash MK Hashem Mahameed asked the police to withdraw because "the people feel very angry, especially after the Kana massacre."

After an initial dispersion, tensions flared again and youths resumed throwing stones and the rioting spread to eastern Nazareth. Police calmed the area after several hours.

On Friday night, the Monitor-

ing Committee called a two-day general strike in the Arab sector for yesterday and today to protest the IDF actions in Lebanon and the closure.

Protesters also rallied in Ramallah, Bethlehem and Gaza City, where about 150 Palestinians marched through the city center shouting, "Yes to peace, no to killing in cold blood."

In Beirut, hundreds of students from Lebanon's five major universities staged a sit-in at the wrecked Martyrs' Square, the symbol of the city's devastation during the 1975-90 civil war.

## Changing Covenant not on agenda of PNC session

JON IMMANUEL

CHANGING the Palestinian Covenant is not among the 10 items on the agenda of the Palestinian National Council, scheduled to meet tomorrow in Gaza for five days, so a second session next week may be required.

The first session may be delayed until Wednesday, however. Acting PNC Chairman Salim Zaanoun said in an interview with Al-Quds yesterday that "in the council's meeting, which won't last less than five days, the amendment or change of the covenant will not be discussed."

He made no mention of discussing a new 17-point charter, either.

Zaanoun did not say when the old and new covenant will be discussed, but senior Palestinian sources said a new PLO executive committee to be elected this week will summon the PNC again next week after the Feast of the Sacrifice Id al-Adha, which falls on Saturday and Sunday.

Zaanoun also said the first session may be postponed by two days to give more time for members to arrive.

The 10 points on the PNC agenda will include: establishing the correct membership; electing a new PLO executive committee; electing a new PNC chairman; discussing a report of the executive committee and a report of the Palestinian National Fund; discussing Lebanon; Israeli violations of the accords; Jerusalem; plans to move the US embassy; economic rehabilitation; and legal issues (not the covenant).

The atmosphere surrounding the PNC meeting is not encouraging to those who want to change the covenant.

Fatah and Hamas have published statements condemning the artillery barrage in Lebanon that has killed over 100 civilians, while Hamas condemned PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority because "it did not react, as if the Zionists' crimes did not mean anything to them."

The opponents of change are riding an emotional crest. "The slaughter in Lebanon obliges those who accepted Arafat's position on change to backtrack," PNC member Salah Abdel-Jawad said on Friday.

The PLO executive committee began meetings on Friday to discuss the format of the PNC meeting.

Two senior members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in Damascus arrived. Abdel-Karim Majouh is deputy to George Habash, and Tayseer Kuba'ah is a founder of the "committee to save the covenant." Democratic Front deputy Tayseer Khaled also arrived.

The leaders of the PFLP and DFLP - Habash and Nayef Hawatme - are expected to stay away from the PNC meeting.

Meanwhile, Palestinian Police yesterday announced the discovery of another Hamas-Izzadin Kassam arms dump in Jabalya refugee camp. The confiscated weapons included rifles, pistols, and mines and grenades wired to be used as bombs.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Thursday that the PA had made "impressive efforts" against the Hamas infrastructure, a precondition for an IDF withdrawal from most of Hebron before Israeli elections May 29.

Sacb Erekat, PA local councils minister, said yesterday that the Hebron committee established during the Peres-Arafat meeting Thursday met on Friday, and the PA had written to the Norwegian government "which will be the coordinator of the Temporary International Presence" in Hebron, to start organizing the composition of the force.

## IDF cancels flybys on Independence Day

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

CHIEF of the General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak has canceled the traditional Independence Day IAF flybys due to Operation Grapes of Wrath. The naval coastal maneuvers were canceled as well. The IDF Spokesman said over the weekend.

Shahak, who made the decision in conjunction with the ministerial ceremonies committee, said pilots could not practice for the flybys because they were occupied with the intensive IAF activities in Lebanon.

The flybys were to have included aerobatics performed by fighter aircraft, flights by transport planes and helicopters, and a mid-air refueling. There was also to have been a demonstration of free-fall parachuting.

The flybys were to have taken place around the country and the naval maneuvers were to have taken place from Rishon LeZion to Nahariya.

The IDF Spokesman stressed that the public was still invited to the selected depots and camps on Independence Day. The list of those bases will be published in all of the country's media.

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- Southern Region:** Hamalachim Forest, Yatir Forest (Fire Observation Tower), Golda Park, Yeruham Park, Ben Gurion Park, Dimona, Arad Park.

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# Hizbullah: Ron Arad should be traded for Arab prisoners 'Cairo attack intended for Israelis'

BEIRUT (AP) - An anonymous telephone caller claimed on Friday that the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth would kill Ron Arad within 48 hours in order to avenge the deaths of Lebanese civilians killed by IDF shell-fire on Thursday.

"We will execute Ron Arad in 48 hours to avenge the Zionist enemy's barbaric atrocities. We will film the execution and distribute videotapes to the media," the caller told the Agence France-Press office in Beirut.

AFP said the caller spoke in Arabic and hung up after reading the terse statement. There was no way to authenticate the call.

Hizbullah expressed doubt about the existence of the Op-

pressed on Earth group.

"If such a group exists and if it really holds Ron Arad, we think he should be traded for Arab prisoners held by Israel, not killed," a Hizbullah official said.

It was the first time the group had claimed it was holding Arad - who has been missing since his F-4 Phantom fighter-bomber was shot down in south Lebanon in 1986 - and the first time the group has been heard from since 1991. In 1989, the Shi'ite Muslim extremist faction kidnapped and killed US Marine Lt.-Col. William Higgins.

Western intelligence reports have linked the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth to Hizbullah, which constantly has de-

nied it has any information on Arad's whereabouts.

Israeli officials have said Arad is the only one of six servicemen missing in Lebanon who is still alive. They repeatedly have claimed that Iran holds him.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres declined to comment on the threat, saying "any talk will serve no purpose. It will only cause difficulty."

But Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, in a counter-threat apparently directed at Iran, said "whoever is threatening will be held responsible for the consequences."

The IDF Spokesman also issued a statement on Friday saying, "Senior security sources emphasize that Iran is responsible

for [the] welfare, health, and safe return of Ron Arad."

In another development, a caller claiming to speak for a hitherto unheard of group, the Jabal Amel Mujahedeen (holy warriors), demanded in a call to a Beirut radio station and the Kuwait News Agency offices in Beirut that British and US nationals leave Lebanon by 9 a.m. yesterday. The caller said the order was made at the behest of Hizbullah chief Sheik Hassan Nasrallah.

But a Hizbullah official emphatically denied his group was behind the call. He accused Israel of spreading rumors, saying the alleged ultimatum was invented to scare off Western reporters covering the Israeli operation in Lebanon.

CAIRO - Egypt's largest Moslem militant group yesterday claimed the attack that killed 18 Greek tourists, but said it had meant to target Israeli tourists to avenge Israel's bombings of southern Lebanon.

Al-Gama al-Islamiya, or the Islamic Group, also warned that all "Jewish interests" in Egypt would be targeted until Israel's attacks on Lebanon stop.

"This operation was in revenge against the children of monkeys, pigs and tyrants (the Jews) for the blood of the martyrs who have fallen on Lebanese land," the group said in a statement sent to a Western news agency in Cairo.

The statement was titled "No Place for Jews in the Moslem Land of Egypt." It warned that "all Jewish interests on Egyptian land will be targeted until attacks are halted by the Zionist enemy planes striking sisterly Lebanon."

Police officials said, mean-

while, that more than 250 suspected militants had been rounded up since the attack Thursday in Cairo at a hotel not far from the Pyramids.

Three attackers had opened fire on Greek and Australian tourists outside the Europa Hotel as they prepared to board a bus. Eighteen Greeks died and 16 others and an Egyptian were wounded.

The statement said the group had information that Israeli tourists were planning to board a bus Thursday morning, but was "surprised after carrying out the operation that the Jewish group was changed to a Greek group, and this is one of the security measures by Egyptian security forces to protect the lives of Jews."

The last attack by suspected Islamic radicals on Israelis in Egypt was in February 1990 when

gunmen opened fire and threw explosives at a bus carrying Israeli tourists just north of Cairo. Eight were killed. The assailants were never caught.

Meanwhile, the US embassy in Tel Aviv issued an announcement to US citizens advising them to exercise caution in light of threats by Hizbullah and other extremist groups. "While we have no specific information regarding threats to Americans in Israel, we cannot discount the possibility of random acts of anti-American violence," embassy spokesman Richard Scorza said. Scorza denied reports of an abduction of a US citizen in Gaza or the West Bank, calling such reports "a cruel hoax."

An explosion occurred at a Jewish cultural center in Yaroslavl, 240 kilometers northeast of Moscow on Friday morning. No injuries were reported, the Interfax news agency said.

## Levine meets with UNIFIL command

DAVID RUDGE

UNIFIL commander Gen. Stanislav Wozniak and OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine and their senior aides met on Friday, in the wake of the Kana camp shelling in which more than 100 Lebanese civilians were killed and scores more wounded.

UNIFIL spokesman and senior political liaison officer Timur Goksel said the meeting was held to hear the IDF's explanation of the circumstances surrounding the incident and "discuss measures to prevent any recurrence of such tragedies."

In the meeting, Levine expressed deep regret over the civilian deaths and the casualties among UNIFIL troops, according to the IDF Spokesman.

Levine stressed, however, that the IDF had acted in accordance with instructions on response to Hizbullah fire on IDF troops. He said the IDF did not have concrete information about a concentration of civilians in that specific UN compound.

The meeting followed a telephone conversation between Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and UNIFIL's commander following the shelling of the camp.

"It was a professional, technical meeting and some measures were discussed at length and will be taken by both sides to try to prevent anything like this happening again," said Goksel.

After the meeting, he said UNIFIL did not accept the IDF's claim that it was unaware that hundreds of civilians had taken

shelter in the compound of the Fijian battalion headquarters in Kana village.

"We have been telling the world for over a week that we have 6,000 civilians [taking shelter] in UN positions throughout south Lebanon," said Goksel.

A number of 155 mm. artillery shells accidentally hit a building in the compound that was packed with civilians, many of them women and children.

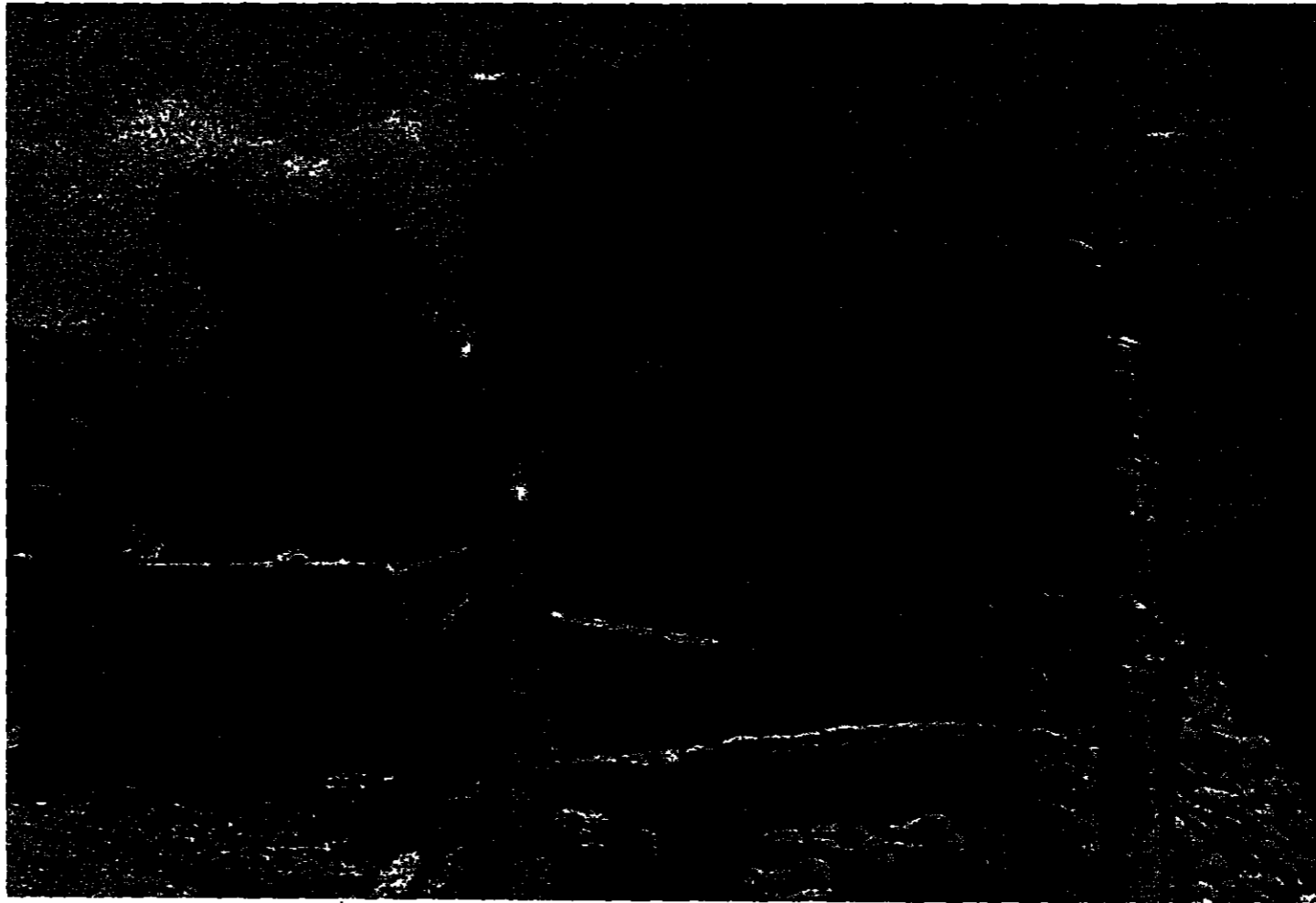
The gunners had aimed for a spot about 300 meters away, where Hizbullah terrorists had several minutes earlier launched Katyusha rockets at Israel and IDF targets in the security zone.

UNIFIL officers maintained they had only been aware of the Katyusha rockets after they were fired and within a minute the Hizbullah gunmen who launched them had disappeared from the scene.

The IDF said UNIFIL troops were aware of the IDF's response to Katyusha rocket attacks and automatically went into bomb shelters in such circumstances. Normally, the IDF warns UNIFIL in advance about its intention to fire into areas near UN troops or positions.

In the tragedy at Kana Thursday, however, the warning, according to UNIFIL officers and Goksel, came after the shells were fired.

Four Fijian soldiers were among those wounded. They were treated at UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura, in the security zone, and later transferred to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.



Smoke billows from hills overlooking a UN observation post, after an IAF air raid yesterday.

(Reuters)

## Lebanon to press UN General Assembly to condemn Israel at emergency session

MARILYN HENRY NEW YORK

LEBANON, thwarted in its effort to have the Security Council condemn Israel, is expected to prevail when the UN General Assembly convenes an emergency session this week.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Lebanese Foreign Minister Faris Bouez said yesterday in Beirut.

With the backing of the non-aligned nations and the Islamic group, Lebanon is expected to muster a majority among the 185 members of the General Assembly for a resolution that would "strongly condemn the Israeli aggression against Lebanon."

An assembly resolution carries less weight than one adopted by the council. Nonetheless, the Israeli mission to the UN found the prospect worrisome.

"It brings us back to the days of the General Assembly attacking Israel," an Israeli source said. "We are unhappy about it."

Israel also was concerned that it would face condemnation from countries with whom Jerusalem has peaceful relations.

The Security Council, late Thursday, defeated a resolution that would have condemned "Is-

raeli aggression," and would have called for Israel's withdrawal and for payment of reparations.

Instead, the council unanimously adopted a more moderate resolution calling for an immediate halt to the fighting involving Israel and Hizbullah, without mentioning either by name.

It expressed grave concern over all attacks on civilian targets, and deplored Thursday's shelling that killed at least 100 civilians at a UNIFIL site.

In Geneva, UN relief agencies issued an emergency appeal on Friday for \$8.5 million to aid roughly one-quarter of the 400,000 displaced people in Lebanon, many of whom have taken shelter at UNIFIL bases.

Britain, which has steadfastly supported Israel in the last week, has provided emergency aid of \$550,000, it announced Friday in Beirut.

The German Embassy in Beirut also has been instructed to step up assistance to refugees, Bonn said on Thursday.

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**Turkey rebukes Syria over Kurds, water**

ANKARA (Reuters) - Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz warned Syria yesterday that they should stop sheltering separatist Kurdish guerrillas. Anatolian news agency said. It also quoted Yilmaz as urging Syria not to create tension over sharing waters of the Euphrates river.

"Those neighbours who want to break up our national integrity, provide shelter for bandits and collaborate with them should make their calculations once more," Yilmaz was quoted by the agency as telling a crowd near the town of Hatay on the Syrian border.

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## American Jews blame Hizbullah for civilian deaths

MARILYN HENRY NEW YORK

AMERICAN Jews are distressed by the civilian deaths in south Lebanon, but stoutly back Israel's right to self-defense and laid the responsibility on Hizbullah for Thursday's attack on UNIFIL.

"We deplore Hizbullah's practice of using civilian cover to launch military rocket attacks," said Americans for Peace Now. "No government can tolerate attacks on its citizens without making a vigorous and effective response."

The American Jewish Congress was outraged that Hizbullah was "permitted by Lebanese and Syrian authorities to continue [attacks] with impunity."

Hizbullah and its backers - particularly Syria and Iran - must be held accountable, said the Con-

ference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. It called on the international community to take action against "rogue states" that provide financial, military and political support to terrorist groups.

While the anguish and outrage were virtually universal, some American Jews were concerned about future courses of action.

The deaths and displacement of Lebanese civilians "require careful examination of tactics," Americans for Peace Now said in a statement. "Because of the way Hizbullah fights, [Israel's] military responses run a high risk of harming civilian populations. It is therefore incumbent on Israel, as it has acknowledged in its statements, to take stringent precautions to minimize risk to civilians."

## European Troika seeks solution in Syria

DAMASCUS (AP) - A delegation of European Union foreign ministers arrived here Friday to seek ways of putting an end to the fighting between Israel and Hizbullah guerrillas in Lebanon.

Italian Foreign Minister Susanna Agnelli, whose country currently holds the rotating presidency of the European Union, described the situation in the Middle East as very dangerous.

"The aim of my visit to Damas-

cus is to look for possibilities of achieving an immediate ceasefire in Lebanon," Agnelli was quoted as saying by the official Syrian Arab News Agency.

She was accompanied by the other ministers, Spain's Carlos Westendorp and Ireland's Dick Spring.

Meanwhile, the high-level conference aimed at fighting terrorism in the Middle East has been canceled.

## Egypt blames US inaction for Kana bombing

CAIRO (AP) - In a rare reproach to the United States, Foreign Minister Amr Moussa suggested the US refusal to condemn Israel's assault on Lebanon led to the IDF artillery attack that killed at least 100 civilians.

"America's refusal to condemn Israel is unfortunate," Moussa told reporters.

"Any party's refusal to condemn [Israel], or to permit Israel - giving it a green light or red light - or diverting attention from what was happening in Lebanon, resulted in the killing and the inhumane crime in the village of Kana," he added.

"This [Israeli] operation is condemned whether this party condemns it or not," he said, referring to the US.

Moussa made the statements when asked about a changed American stance in the UN Security Council after Thursday's attack on a UN base in south Lebanon where civilians had taken refuge from IAF attacks.

## Polls: Lebanon operation has little effect on race

Jerusalem Post Staff

OPERATION Grapes of Wrath has apparently had little impact on the tight prime ministerial race, according to weekend opinion polls.

The surveys published on Friday, taken mainly before IDF shelling killed 101 Lebanese refugees at a UN base on Thursday, showed Peres still slightly ahead of Likud leader Binjamin Netanyahu in the campaign for the May 29 elections.

A Dahaf poll for Yediot Aharonot showed Peres losing one percentage point since the operation began nine days ago. A Gallup Israel poll for Ma'ariv showed Peres gaining a point.

Both polls had a margin of error of 4 percent.

Of the 509 people questioned on Tuesday by Gallup, 49% said they backed Peres, 39% Netanyahu and 12% had no opinion or declined to answer. A March 29 poll showed Peres leading Netanyahu 48% to 40%.

Asked how Operation Grapes of Wrath had influenced their voting intentions, 89% told Gallup that it had had no effect.

**Machal Memorial, Tues April 23rd**

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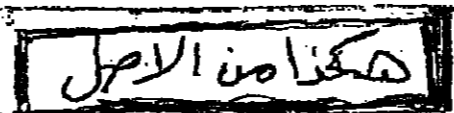
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# Eitan calls for Kana inquiry

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TSOMET leader Rafael Eitan proposed yesterday that a judicial inquiry commission be set up "to examine what shortcomings led to the bombing of the UN post at Kana in Lebanon."

Eitan asserted that had such an event taken place when the Likud was in power, "the left would have gone wild by now. Had Bibi [Likud Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu] been prime minister and had I been defense minister, and such a shelling would have taken place, all those hypocrites on the left would have already shaken the country to its roots."

"There would have been thunderous demonstrations by hundreds of thousands, with their candle lighting and self-righteousness," he said. "But see how all the hypocrites are keeping quiet now, because it is [Prime Minister Shimon] Peres in power and not Bibi. Were the left in the opposition, it would have seen to it that all hell would break loose."

According to Eitan, "what happened with the Figi UN post is far worse than what happened at Sabra and Chatilla, where, after all, Arabs had killed Arabs and we were blamed for not being sufficiently clairvoyant to prevent the bloodshed. But this week it was the IDF which fired and caused

carnage. Therefore we need an inquiry commission to see what led to this mistake or mishap. Was it lack of knowledge, was it negligence, were badly thought-out orders involved?"

"In short, we need to know what happened and who is responsible. Where are all those who clamored so vociferously for the Sabra and Chatilla inquiry? I don't ask them to come out with their candles and sanctimonious demonstrations, but why don't they even ask for an inquiry? Apparently there is a double standard - one for the left and another for the national camp."

Meanwhile, the Likud responses team warned the government last night "not to give in to international pressure. It will deepen the tragedy if on top of the loss of innocent lives in Lebanon, the government will become weakened and fail to complete Operation Grapes of Wrath as planned. Prime Minister Shimon Peres and his government must not buckle under now when thousands of residents in Israel's North are still away from their homes. Mr. Peres must learn to withstand international pressure, and should he do so, he will be guaranteed the opposition's unstinting backing."

## IAF

(Continued from Page 1) tion to continue hitting Israel with all its available strength.

The IDF's response to Hizballah's continued provocation was to try and hit Katyusha rocket launching sites with artillery and especially more precise raids by helicopter gunships. IAF warplanes and helicopters carried out several attacks against Hizballah targets around Majdal Zoom and other villages north of the security zone in the western sector.

The aircraft also struck at targets near Shakra and other villages in the central sector in an effort to curb the rocket attacks. In all the cases, the pilots reported direct hits on the targets and the aircraft returned safely to their bases.

UNFIL officers said a convoy of peacekeepers carrying food and supplies to about 300 trapped villagers in Yair was held up for several hours during Israeli air raids. Israel Radio quoted The Voice of Lebanon radio station as saying that IAF planes attacked the UNFIL medical center near

Yair and that five IDF artillery shells were fired at UN vehicles trying to bring supplies to the region.

The IDF spokesman categorically denied these reports. Reports from Lebanon quoting security sources said five Hizballah gunmen had been killed in the past few days as a result of IAF attacks and artillery bombardments, mostly in the Bekaa Valley region.

There was a unilateral lull in the IDF shelling and air attacks following US President Bill Clinton's call for an immediate ceasefire after Thursday's shelling of the UN base in Kfar Kana. However, the IDF bombing resumed with a fury late Friday after Hizballah's massive Katyusha attack on northern Israel.

"Brig-Gen. (res) Rafi Noi, former head of Northern Command headquarters, said time was running out for Israel.

"There is a sense that we are losing the momentum of the initiative," Noi said on Army Radio.

## CHRISTOPHER

(Continued from Page 1) nese Army assume positions at the northern part of the security zone, and overcome the irregular forces there including the Hizballah. At a later stage, if the Lebanese Army proves its ability to assert its authority there, we can reach an agreement to withdraw from parts of Lebanon."

The third option is a full peace agreement, Peres said, "but we can't achieve that with Lebanon alone and I don't believe it's a viable possibility right now. It depends on the Syrians and we will have to negotiate it with Syria and Lebanon."

Christopher said his aim was to "press very hard to get a cease-fire, to bring all the resources of

the United States that we can to bear; second to try to upgrade, clarify and give more precision to the 1993 understandings."

Christopher, who has already spoken repeatedly by telephone to the Syrians and Lebanese, said: "They told me they were actively engaged. They were hard at work. They have not been able to achieve that."

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said: "Those who have influence with Hizballah need to push Hizballah."

Syria expressed support on Friday for an immediate cease-fire.

"I hope that a cease-fire would be reached within hours and not days," Foreign Minister Farouk Shara said.

## NORTHERNERS

(Continued from Page 1) than 1,000 homes in Kiryat Shmona, out of a total of 8,000, have been damaged by Katyusha rockets in the past few weeks. Most of the damage was reported to be slight.

Homes and public buildings have also been damaged in Western Galilee and parts of the central region, as well as dozens of vehicles.

Thousands of chickens have been killed as a result of direct hits by Katyusha rockets on chicken sheds.

Farmers have had to try to feed

livestock and tend their fields in between attacks, while many factories, as well as shops and other businesses, have been shut down and the tourism in the region has come to a halt.

Remaining residents in the North who marked Shabbat in bomb shelters for the second week running prepared to stay underground again last night amid no signs of any cessation in the rocket attacks.

Scores of motorcyclists staged a motorcade into Kiryat Shmona yesterday in a roaring show of solidarity with the residents.



US President Bill Clinton buys some bread at a Moscow shop near Red Square yesterday.

# Clinton hails summit steps

News agencies  
MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Clinton said yesterday that an eight-nation summit made a major advance toward reducing atomic weapons proliferation, but that Russian President Boris Yeltsin's continued insistence on selling nuclear technology to Iran was "a bad idea."

"Today we took another step back from the nuclear precipice," the president declared. He joined leaders of the world's seven wealthiest countries in seeking a ban on all nuclear explosions, to be signed at the United Nations in September.

The world leaders agreed to boost nuclear safety through new cooperation and Ukraine reluctantly confirmed, a decade after the Chernobyl disaster, that it would close down the plant by the year 2000.

Although Russian President Boris Yeltsin struck a discordant note with an attack on NATO policy, the summit approved cooperation on nuclear energy, radioactive waste and on stopping the smuggling of nuclear material.

Flanked by the flags of the G-7 countries and Russia, Clinton said at a summit-ending news conference, "Never before have all our nations joined as one and embraced this goal."

But he added, "There is more we must do." Despite high praise for Yeltsin and his countrymen, Clinton could not ignore the split between the United States and Russia over Moscow's transportation of nuclear technology and training to Iran.

Russia finalized the \$800 million deal in January to build a 1,000-megawatt pressurized-water reactor. According to US officials, Iran

wants to buy a total of four reactors from Russia.

Yeltsin refused to back down on the issue. "We intend to go through with it," he said flatly. Clinton was asked if the Russian policy undercut the summit, which was hosted by Yeltsin.

"Yes it's a bad idea," Clinton said. "No, it doesn't undercut this summit."

"On balance, we've gotten a lot more progress out of this nuclear relationship than this one setback would indicate," Clinton said.

Clinton said the summit was a step toward "reducing the grave dangers" of atomic weapons proliferation.

Mixing business with pleasure, the president strolled up the narrow Nikolskaya street after the summit, meeting ordinary Russians and popping in a local bakery for a loaf of bread.

The summit, and a meeting today with Yeltsin, comes as the Russian president fights a tough battle for re-election. It also gives Clinton an election-year opportunity to show off his international leadership role.

Walking a sensitive political and diplomatic line, Clinton noted that he is meeting with opposition leaders in Moscow. But he said that is not a sign that he is hedging his bets in case Yeltsin loses; Clinton routinely meets with opposition leaders overseas.

So careful was the US president not to take sides in the election - he said Russia needs to aspire to "forward-looking leadership" - that a

reporter asked if the president was saying it didn't matter if Yeltsin lost.

"You should read nothing into this whatsoever," Clinton replied. "Neither the president of the United States or anybody else has any business telling the citizens of Russia... how they should vote."

But he added: "Yes, there will be consequences to the votes they cast."

The president did take time to praise Yeltsin. Back home, the Republicans derided the summit as an opportunity "to stroke the campaign fires of the Russian president." Sen. Mitch McConnell, delivering the party's response to Clinton's weekly radio address, accused him of placing his support of Yeltsin above US interests.

He promised more on the issue when he returns home.

The president also expressed some optimism about the prospects for an Israel-Hezbollah cease-fire, ending a bloody rash of violence that overshadowed the summit.

"We're going to do the best we can to get this back on track," Clinton said, as Secretary of State Warren Christopher opened shuttle-diplomacy in Damascus.

Accusing the Hezbollah of trying to jettison the peace process, he added, "The fact they want to kill it shows there's still life in it."

Urged Russians suffering under economic hardships to tough out these difficult times. "I know this is frustrating to you because the economy collapsed so much," he said.

# Optimism over US-N.Korea talks

BERLIN (Reuter) - Negotiators from the United States and North Korea got off to a "useful start" in bilateral talks to discuss Pyongyang's missile program, the head of the US delegation said yesterday.

"We made a useful start today and we are going to meet again tomorrow," Robert Einhorn told reporters after a first day of talks in Berlin lasting around 4 1/2 hours.

"We expect to conclude this round of discussions tomorrow," added Einhorn, deputy assistant secretary of state for non-proliferation.

He declined to answer reporters' questions on whether four-party peace talks on the Korean peninsula, as proposed this week by Washington and Seoul, had also been discussed.

The Korean delegation head, Lee Hyung-Chul, echoed Einhorn's comments that talks would resume. Korean journalists said.

The meeting aimed to air Washington's concerns about the communist state's development of long-range ballistic missiles and exports to clients in world trouble-spots, including Iran and Syria.

North Korea is believed to have successfully test-fired a Rodong-1 missile with a range of 1,000 km and to be developing the Daepodong 1 and 2 missiles capable of striking major targets in Northeast Asia, including Japan.

The missile talks were not directly related to a crisis sparked last month when North Korea sent soldiers into the demilitarized zone that separates it from South Korea or the proposed four-nation peace talks, including China.

But officials in South Korea and elsewhere are watching the Berlin talks closely for clues about Pyongyang's stance on broader peace talks among the four nations.

The Berlin discussions were expected to be difficult because missile sales are a major source of hard-currency revenue for the cash-strapped country.

# Mandela to ANC: Be ready for ballot

DURBAN (AP) - President Nelson Mandela yesterday urged supporters of his African National Congress to prepare for local elections in KwaZulu-Natal province, despite pleas by local party leaders to postpone the poll.

Mandela said that "KwaZulu-Natal needs democratic local government now" but added that the elections must be free and fair without the fraud that the provincial ANC fears will take place if voting goes ahead as scheduled May 29.

Mandela and the ANC's chief rival in the province, Zulu nationalist leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, have agreed to await a report by an independent task force next week before deciding whether the vote will go ahead.

Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, had earlier threatened to walk out of the national unity government in which he serves as home affairs minister if Mandela unilaterally followed ANC calls to postpone the already delayed elections.

"It would be pointless to steamroller the province into a fraudulent and violence-marred election," Mandela said yesterday.

# Low-key 70th birthday for beleaguered Queen

LONDON (AP) - Just a quiet family dinner, perhaps a chorus or two of "Happy Birthday" and some candles to blow out. Queen Elizabeth II turns 70 today with as little fuss as possible.

No pageantry, no commemorative stamps, no royal banquets mark the milestone. But in many households, old-fashioned royalists no doubt will raise a glass to toast their beleaguered monarch.

Her children's troubled love lives and the relentless pursuit of the tabloids have stripped the monarchy of much mystique, but the sympathies of many Britons still are with the queen.

"For her children to completely squander the treasure of goodwill that her long and dutiful reign has accumulated, they would have to work overtime," John Updike wrote in *The New Yorker*.

She isn't fashionable, she never gives interviews, she doesn't hug orphans and hospital patients for the benefit of photographers.

But what the queen lacks in surface glamour and crowd appeal she makes up in regality - every inch a monarch since ascending the throne at the age of 25.

She has trekked around the globe on Britain's behalf for 44

years, unveiled countless plaques, and expressed avid interest in the workings of factories and community centers in all the cold, rainy corners of the United Kingdom.

The perks are wonderful. But it's hard work.

Now, when most subjects of her age are putting their feet up in retirement, the queen is busy trying to shore up the tarnished institution to which she has devoted her life.

Her sons Prince Charles, 47, Prince Andrew, 36, are in the throes of highly publicized divorces, and their wives are seldom out of the tabloids.

Commentators wonder whether the monarchy will survive when Charles takes over from his mother, and whether it is really worth its multimillion-pound (dollar) price tag.

The government recently decided it would be too expensive to replace the soon-to-be retired royal yacht Britannia.

The queen has been tightening the royal belt, notch by notch - paying income tax for the first time, supporting relatives the taxpayers used to pay for, opening Buckingham Palace to paying tourists in the summer.

# Bomb destroys building in New Delhi, 15 injured

NEW DELHI (Reuter) - A bomb destroyed a building in the heart of India's capital of New Delhi yesterday, injuring at least 15 people, police said.

The explosion brought down the four-storey guest house which had a shoe shop on the ground floor, trapping an unknown number of people inside, they said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bomb, which exploded inside the shop in the Paharganj neighbourhood near Connaught Place, the capital's central square, and the New Delhi train station.

Local residents and rescuers used their hands to try to dig

through the rubble to reach any victims. Later a crane arrived to lift the debris.

Witnesses saw bleeding victims pulled from the building and police said 15 people were taken to hospital.

A police officer outside the shop told a Reuters Television correspondent that 15 or 16 people were believed to have been inside when the explosion occurred.

It was the latest in a series of explosions which have injured several dozen people in central Delhi over the past year. No one has been convicted of planting the bombs but police have arrested a number of Kashmiri and Sikh separatists.

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### Judge dismisses Unabomber suspect's motion

HELENA, Mont. (Reuter) - A federal judge on Friday threw out a defense request to bar the government from prosecuting Theodore Kaczynski on charges relating to the Unabomber's 17-year reign of mail bomb terror.

Kaczynski, making his second court appearance, wore gray slacks and a green shirt and looked dapper with a short haircut and neatly trimmed beard.

He showed no emotion as US District Judge Charles Lovell rejected the motion to prevent him from being charged in the string of Unabomber attacks.

Kaczynski's well-groomed appearance and civilian clothes were in stark contrast to his first court appearance on April 4 when he wore a bright orange prison jumpsuit, and differed sharply from the way he looked when he was arrested with long unkempt hair and a straggly, matted beard.

So far, Kaczynski has not been charged with any Unabomber crimes, but authorities have said they believe he is the man responsible for three deaths and 23 injuries from 1978 to 1995 caused mainly by mail bombs. He is being held without bail in the Lewis and Clark County Jail on a holding charge of possessing bomb-making materials.

Kaczynski was whisked into the back entrance of the courthouse by four US marshals. Inside, the 100-seat courtroom was packed with journalists and onlookers.

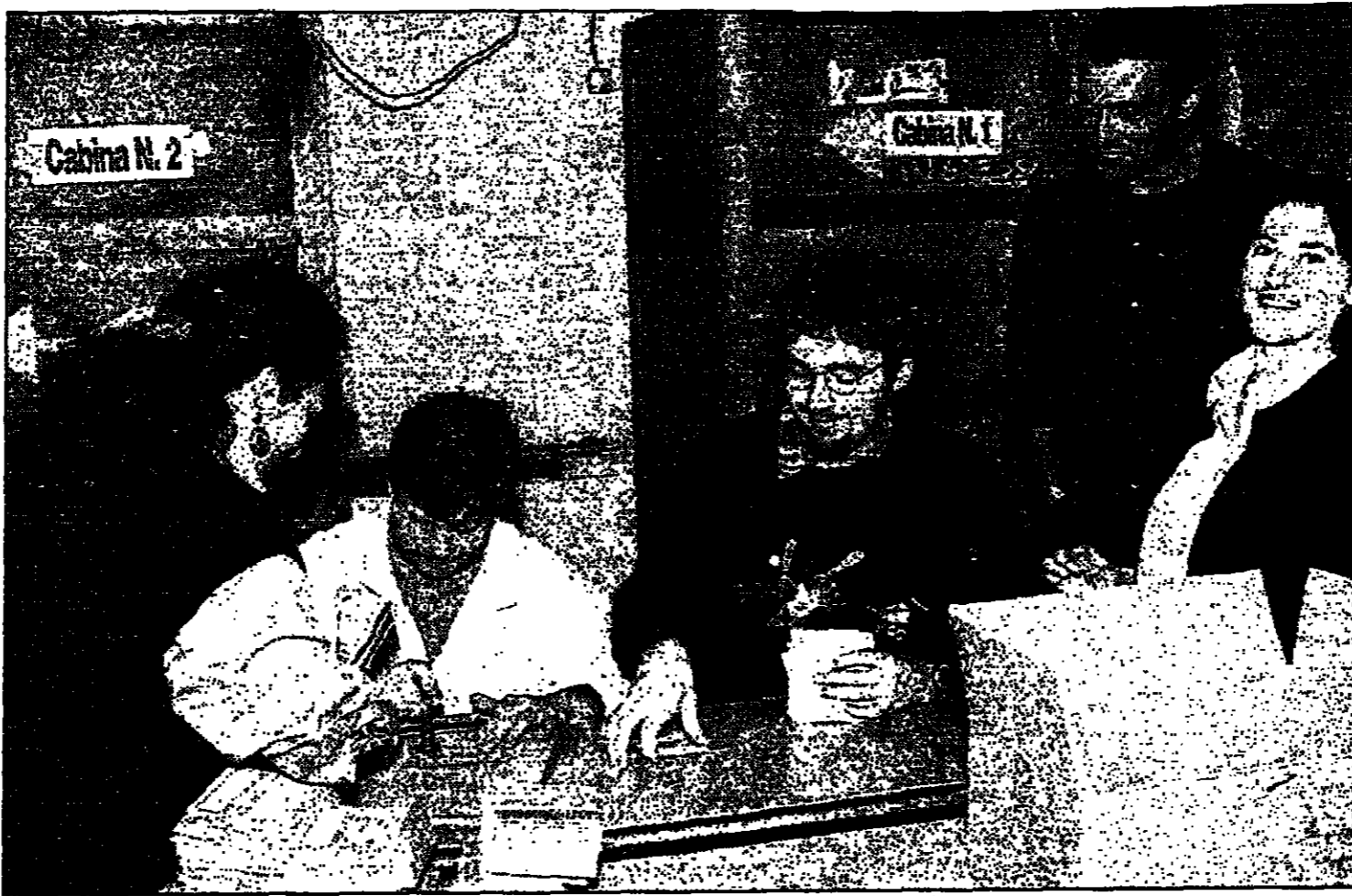
Defense attorney Michael Donahoe argued that his client had been prejudiced by a welter of unauthorized government leaks in the case, which he said hurt Kaczynski's chances of ever getting a fair trial.

But Lovell, in rejecting the motion, said "the defendant is not entitled to perfect treatment. This is not a perfect world. He is entitled to receive fair treatment and he has received fair treatment and will continue to receive fair treatment."

Kaczynski, 53, a brilliant mathematician who abruptly gave up an academic life for one as a hermit in the remote mountains of Montana, was arrested on April 3 at his cabin outside the small town of Lincoln, Montana.

Lovell also rejected defense requests to have the single charge against Kaczynski dismissed and for the return of more than 720 items seized from his cabin by the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation).

Among those items, according to an FBI inventory, were a live pipe bomb, a partially completed bomb and a typewriter the FBI believes was used to type the Unabomber's rambling 35,000-word anti-technology manifesto published last year by *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* after the Unabomber promised to stop his deadly attacks upon publication.



Poll workers prepare ballots at a Rome polling station yesterday as Italians get ready for tomorrow's vote. (AP)

## Italians ponder options for cliffhanger election

PAUL HOLMES  
ROME

WITH warnings of fascism and communism ringing in their ears, Italians savored a day of unaccustomed political calm yesterday to mull their options in an election that could trigger yet more storms.

As editorial writers pondered the prospect of a draw between the two main blocs and another hung parliament, Italy's 48.9 million voters enjoyed a traditional "pause for reflection" before today's troop to the ballot box.

One television comic said he was going to bed to dream and would vote for the party that had not given him a nightmare.

Today's election will be Italy's third in four years of constant political upheaval brought on by the collapse of a disgraced old guard in the country's graft scandals.

Voting is from seven a.m. to 10 p.m. Unlike in 1994, when Italians flocked to the new face of media mogul Silvio Berlusconi in the hope of securing stability, voters have shed their illusions this time of radical change to the way they are governed.

The last published opinion polls on March 31 showed Berlusconi's centre-right Freedom Alliance and the centre-left Olive Tree bloc level-pegging in their push to form Italy's 55th

government since World War II.

Each has painted the other as a danger to democracy, seizing on the presence in their respective ranks of large parties with roots in communism or fascism.

Stalemate could leave the balance of power in the hands of two minority parties, the Marxist party Communist Refoundation and the federalist Northern League.

That and the possibility of a low turnout have turned the contest into one of the most unpredictable in decades.

"The only way to avoid the worst, a draw, is not to give in to the temptation to abstain," said the Berlusconi family-owned newspaper *Il Giornale*.

"We know that's attractive but so is Russian roulette and only lunatics play that game," Berlusconi, bidding to return to the prime minister's office despite a corruption trial, and his opponent Romano Prodi used their final televised debate on Friday night to urge undecided voters to come off the fence.

The face-off, declared a draw by newspa-

pers, led to an agreement between the rivals that they would have to try to work together if the election delivered a stalemate.

"If there's a draw, what happens in all European states is you try to form a broader coalition. If you fail, you vote again," said Prodi, a mild-mannered economist. "Agreed," replied Berlusconi, prime minister for seven months in 1994.

Today's election was called back in February after the two alliances, neither with the numbers to govern in the old parliament, failed to reach a deal on a "truce government" to carry out much-needed constitutional reforms.

Italy's system, which mixes direct election with proportional representation, encourages parties to forge shaky alliances while still competing against each other.

It is the most obvious area for reform but the blocs also recognise that the system of government and parliament, formed of two houses which duplicate each other's functions, also require radical change.

"If Italy turns out to be ungovernable the day after tomorrow, the entire political class will be to blame," wrote commentator Sergio Romano in *La Stampa* newspaper. (Reuter)

## US seeks to expel Nazi propagandist

WASHINGTON (AP) - The US Justice Department wants to throw a retired US government broadcaster out of the country because he edited several antisemitic, pro-Nazi newspapers in Hungary during World War II.

Ferenc Koroh, 86, a retired Radio Free Europe producer and broadcaster living in Englewood, New Jersey, was served yesterday with an order to show cause why he should be allowed to remain in the United States.

Last year, an appellate court ruled that Koroh "assisted in the persecution of Hungarian Jews by fostering a climate of antisemitism in Northern Transylvania which conditioned the Hungarian public to acquiesce, to encourage and to carry out the abominable antisemitic policies of the Hungarian government in the early 1940s."

The three-judge panel of the US Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia unanimously upheld a lower court order stripping Koroh of his US citizenship.

The order, served by the Justice Department's Nazi-hunting Office of Special Investigations and the Immigration and Naturalization Service office, seeks Koroh's deportation for assisting in persecution and for lying about his wartime activities to settle in the United States in 1950.

In June 1994, at the request of the special investigations office, US District Judge Maryanne Trump Barry of Newark stripped Koroh of the US citizenship he had obtained in 1956.

She found that Koroh's admitted work as founder and "responsible editor" of *Szekely Nep*, an antisemitic and anti-American newspaper in Nazi-occupied Hungary, from 1941-44 constituted "advocacy and assis-

tance in persecution" and "membership and participation in a movement hostile to the United States." One *Szekely Nep* article said: "There are still others who say that we should not have harmed the Jews, but thank God, today we are beyond these types of sentimentality." Another said Jesus regarded Jews "not as his own race, but as a brood of vipers."

Barry characterized the articles as "poison" that advocated the "de-jewification of Hungarian life" since "a final solution may be achieved only by deporting Jewish elements."

Some 435,000 Hungarian Jews were deported to Nazi concentration and death camps between May and July of 1944.

The order said Koroh also served as press officer and deputy information chief of the Hungarian Ministry of National Defense and Propaganda; senior editor of *Magyar Era*, an anti-Allied, anti-Semitic weekly owned by the Ministry of Propaganda; responsible editor of *Vilaglap*, an anti-Allied, pro-German weekly owned by the Nazi-occupied Hungarian government; and a contributing writer with *Az Orszag*, a pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic newspaper owned by the occupation government.

The government said each of these jobs constituted independent grounds for deportation.

Eli Rosenbaum, director of the special investigations office, said "propagandists such as Koroh laid the foundation for Nazi genocide by fostering a climate of hate in which inhuman measures could be carried out without protest."

The special investigations office has had 53 Nazi persecutors stripped of US citizenship and 45 expelled from the United States.

## Smoke nets Briton 30 months in jail

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A British bricklayer who got into a fight with flight attendants after smoking aboard a trans-Atlantic flight was sentenced in a US court to 30 months in jail, a lawyer said on Saturday.

Jantzen Coles, 24, was smoking in the restroom of a United Airlines flight from London to Dulles Airport outside Washington, D.C., when he was discovered by an airline attendant. He slammed the door into one attendant, then jostled several others before being dragged out of the restroom and restrained.

Coles pleaded guilty to three counts of interfering with a flight crew in the Nov. 22, 1995, incident. He was sentenced by a federal judge in Virginia on Friday, his attorney Lance Gardner said.

"I think it's really harsh for what happened," Gardner said yesterday. "I really don't think the plane was in danger."

## System caught Ebola in time

WASHINGTON (AP) - Say the word Ebola, and most people think of a horrific killer.

No wonder those Ebola-stricken monkeys in remote Alice, Texas, spawned a media circus last week, with helicopters buzzing over the primate cages at HRP Inc.

Fortunately, monkeys are quarantined so sickness is caught before society is at risk - and in Texas, the system worked.

"It's a little bit natural for people to be afraid," said Tony Perez, quarantine chief at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"It certainly is our responsibility to get a clear message out to the public that we really think all the safeguards we have in place are working."

Monkeys are big business, a

crucial arm of the \$500 million industry that supplies almost 2 million animals, from rabbits to chimpanzees, for US biomedical research each year.

A March shipment of 100 Philippines rhesus macaques sparked the scare. HRP, which sells 3,000 primates a year and is licensed to handle the riskiest species, followed US rules to quarantine the animals for 31 days.

While in quarantine, one of the monkeys died, and government scientists quickly diagnosed Ebola. A second monkey got sick and was destroyed, as were 47 of its monkey neighbors a few days later, to be safe. The other 50 monkeys were quarantined separately, and are being tested to see if they escaped Ebola.

## 'Internet will change, not kill, newspapers'

WASHINGTON (AP) - While computers may become the medium of choice for certain kinds of information, such as stocks, newspapers will continue to have a financially promising future, the head of a leading newspaper firm said.

"Online advances will change the shape and scope of newspapers rather dramatically, but it will not

replace ink on paper," Tony Ridder, chairman and chief executive officer of Knight-Ridder Inc., predicted in a speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

"Print and electronic have complementary strengths," he said.

Knight-Ridder owns 31 newspapers across America and is a pioneer

in making newspaper content available to computer users.

To remain financially secure, newspapers will have to be of high quality, Ridder said. "With more media choices available, people don't have to bother with newspapers that are less than excellent."

As proof of his faith in the future of newspapers, Ridder cited his company's recent investments.

Some of the information people now get from newspapers will move to computers, Ridder predicted.

"Natural forces will drive things toward the most efficient medium," he said.

"Will newspapers still be viable?"

Absolutely. In fact, they will be the most effective remaining mass medium as broadcast continues to fragment," he said.

Timeliness, "searchability" and the computer's ability to store vast quantities of information will determine what goes online and what stays in print, he suggested.

He listed some examples of the material now in newspapers that people will one day get from computers - classified ads, stock market listings and "micro-zoned news," news of interest to a small part of a paper's overall circulation area. Such information is "less efficient in print," he said.

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# Doctors stand to lose role as OTC pushes out Rx

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

**P**AIENT, heal thyself! That's the growing trend worldwide - impelled by soaring medical expenditures, pharmaceutical company interests, better-educated and busier patients, increased consumerism and improved medications.

To deal with minor ailments, many people prefer to buy a drug over the counter (OTC) after consulting with a pharmacist or a friend instead of making an appointment with a doctor and getting a prescription whose cost is subsidized by their health fund.

OTC medications are generally cheaper than prescription drugs; patients' paying for them nevertheless constitute a major reduction in pharmaceutical costs for health funds.

The trend is mostly encouraged by pharmacists and the drug companies, but viewed with growing concern by physicians and medical administrators who fear it will make patients ill from using the wrong drug or the right drug improperly. It has developed more slowly here than in the US and Europe, for example, but it definitely is on its way.

One sign is the publication of *Medic*, a Hebrew-language directory of OTC drugs published quarterly in Herzliya. Produced by a private publisher, the guide classifies over 500 non-prescription medications according to the medical problems they are meant to treat - from crutches to diaper rash. The guide begins with warnings not to take medications in the dark (so a mistake is not made), to read package information, be wary of mixing conflicting medications, take the correct dosages and store them in a cool, dry place.

Each of 28 medical topics include listings of the OTC drugs meant for them, with their commercial and generic names spelled out in English and detailed information in Hebrew on dosages, usage and side effects. Costing NIS 18.95 and sold in pharmacies, it is the first OTC guide in Israel and will be updated every three months.

According to a new Telesaker survey conducted for the Israel Association of Non-Prescription Medicine, 56% of Israelis buy over-the-counter drugs from time to time. Eighty-six percent of them were found to be "satisfied" with the effectiveness of these medications. This compares to a 92% satisfaction rate in the US, 83% in England, 80% in Canada and 75% in Israel. Younger people (aged 18 to 49), the better educated and the higher income groups are most likely to purchase OTC drugs, the Telesaker poll found.

But OTC buyers are often confused by generic and commercial names, and many believe that Actamol, for example, is "more powerful" than Dexamol, which is another company's name for the exact same pain-reliever and fever reducer, paracetamol.

The British Medical Journal (BMJ) has just run a four-part series on OTC drugs, written by Alison Blankenship of the department of pharmacy policy and practice at Keele University and Colin Bradley of the



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department of general practice at the University of Birmingham's medical school.

They note that in any two-week period, nine out of 10 adults will report having experienced at least one ailment - whether a headache, cough, cold, pain, skin problem or indigestion. Non-prescription drugs are commonly used to deal with these problems.

The authors note that while all non-prescription medicines are required to hold a license from the health authorities, few have been evaluated in formal clinical trials "in the setting in which they will be used. As a result, many non-prescription products sold by pharmacists have been criticized for

their lack of effectiveness. Yet consumers continue to demand them and claim their worth."

In England, drugs are classified in three categories: prescription-only, pharmacy medicine, and general sales list medicine (these can be sold in supermarkets and other non-pharmacy outlets).

In Israel, only the first two categories exist. The British have in recent years moved dozens of drugs from the first category to the second, after receiving epidemiological studies showing safety over time, an adverse-drug-reaction profile and an analysis of possible risk of incor-

rect or delayed diagnosis due to the use of OTCs.

Master of Pharmacy Rahel Gutman, who is the Health Ministry's official in charge of pharmaceutical licensing, says that so far, local drug importers and manufacturers have not put heavy pressure on the ministry to "deregulate" medications and allow prescription-only drugs to be sold as OTCs. At the same time, neither has the ministry initiated such deregulation.

"We discuss it from time to time, especially when the status of drugs used here is changed abroad," Gutman says. "But we don't automatically follow policies abroad." For example, in England, a drug for treating vaginal yeast infections is now available without a prescription; it remains prescription-only in Israel, says Gutman, "because the patient has to be sent for a culture, and the symptoms may be caused by something entirely different."

Dr. Judith Hollis-Triantafyllou, a general practitioner in Athens, warns in the *BMJ* that the OTC situation in Greece has really gone too far. She has received many patients whose symptoms continue even after getting inappropriate drugs from their pharmacist. In Greece, pharmacists even self-prescribe antibiotics.

"In practice, almost anything is available over the counter," she writes. She once prescribed an antihistamine for a minor allergy; the pharmacist instead gave her a potentially risky cortisone preparation. "Another pharmacist rejected as useless my prescription for a standard, cheap expectorant [for a cough], suggesting instead a 'newer, more effective remedy' at, only incidentally of course, three times the price."

The Greek doctor notes that wasting money is only a relatively minor problem; needless giving of antibiotics to patients who have viral, rather than bacterial, infections has led to growing bacterial resistance of antibiotics, so infections don't react to drugs that only a few years ago were stopped in their tracks.

"If patients can manage their minor illnesses by buying antibiotics and other drugs over the counter without resorting to the formal medical services, the costs of both the medical visit and the prescription are avoided by the insurance agency, and ultimately, by the state. Just one more example of a short-term economy perpetuated with no regard to the effects on the long-term health of the population."

But Blankenship and Bradley conclude that deregulation is not all bad. "The patient empowerment that flows from [it] can be seen as a good thing. Doctors who encourage and support responsible self-medication will be seen by their patients as a more acceptable source of independence advice. The role of the doctor will then evolve to one of a collaborator with patients in the management of their health problems rather than as exclusive controller of their access to medicines."

But for this to happen, pharmacists will have to be prepared for their greater responsibility and they will have to cooperate more with physicians.

# Healthy in NY; sick in Israel

Rx FOR READERS POST HEALTH REPORTER

**D**URING the past two years, American cousins of mine have spent a month in Israel each winter, bringing along their two daughters, now aged three and two. They are usually fine in New York, but as soon as they come here, they come down with a series of viral and bacterial infections in the throat and ear. Is it possible that there are "Israeli bugs" that make them sick because they have no immunity to them? Y.S., Jerusalem.

Prof. Shai Ashkenazi, head of the unit for pediatric infectious diseases at the Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel in Petah Tikva, replies:

Theoretically this can happen, but it's highly unlikely. The viruses and bacteria that cause such infections are pretty much the same here as in the US, and not different strains. There could be a difference in timing - the influenza in Israel might not have arrived in New York - but this is also not likely.

Perhaps they are in closer contact with sick children when they are here. When the girls come and get an infection, the doctor should take cultures to find out the cause. Prophylactic antibiotic treatment to prevent infection can be helpful if the doctor advises it, especially for heading off a middle-ear infection but also for a streptococcal throat infection.

**How long after starting to take antibiotics for tonsillitis does one remain infectious to other people? When is it safe to send my son to kindergarten without making the other children sick? A.R., Netanya.**

Dr. Amos Yinnon, an infectious disease specialist at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, comments:

The reason that we give penicillin to patients with the "streptococcus A" throat infection is that about 3 percent of those who are untreated will eventually develop rheumatic fever. As many as a quarter of the population are asymptomatic carriers of strep A, so they can infect others without getting sick themselves.

Since the bacteria are so common and are spread by droplets in the air, there is no use isolating your child. He probably was infected in kindergarten and was infectious even before his symptoms appeared. He can return as soon as he feels well and has no symptoms.

**In the March 24 column, Dr. Dan Amital wrote that he didn't know of any specific studies on possible links between diaper rash and weaning the baby from breastfeeding. Lactation consultant Susan Nachman-Srebnik of Ra'anana comments:**

I have seen dozens of cases of diaper rash when the mother either cuts down on breastfeeding or totally weans the baby from the breast. Sometimes the rash is due to the increase in acidity from commercial baby formulas, which are higher in lactose. Any kind of artificial milk for babies can cause sensitivity and loose stools, which result in the rash. If it involves a baby older than four months, the culprit is often some kind of solid food.

Family health-center nurses often encourage mothers to introduce solid foods before the baby's body can handle it. I cringe every time I see a baby come in with a nasty rash. When I question the mother, she will often tell me she is feeding the baby with orange juice or some other acidic fruit. As soon as she cuts the citrus out, the rash starts to heal.

I advise mothers to wait until the baby is ready for solids - some at five months and some at six or even seven. Foods should be introduced slowly, one at a time, so the problematic ones can be pinpointed.

Diaper rash in a totally breastfed baby is less common, but it can occur when the baby is getting a "foremilk overload." The symptoms are gas, frequent but unsatisfying nursing, explosive greenish stools and diaper rash. This can happen when the mother is advised to nurse 10 minutes on one side and 10 minutes on the other, switching breasts too early before giving the baby the caloric "hindmilk." The solution is to finish the supply in the first breast first.

**Emity Rosenfelder of the Modi'in region asks:**

The diaper rash may be an allergic reaction to milk-based baby formula. My baby was operated on at the age of six months, and I had to stop breastfeeding. He suddenly got serious diaper rashes. Even steroid ointments prescribed by doctors were of no help. After reading several books on babies, I tried taking him off the formula and putting him on soy-based formula. The problem stopped. I was very disappointed that none of the specialists I consulted had thought of this simple solution.

Rx For Readers welcomes queries from readers about medical problems. Experts will answer those we find most interesting, and replies will be printed in the twice-monthly column on the Health Page.

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# Asthma handbook offers new insights

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

**A**STHMA, first named by Hippocrates 2,000 years ago, is almost unknown among the Eskimos, common among Australians, more frequent in urban than rural areas and in Jews than Arabs, and affects more people today than ever.

Affecting five to 10% of Israeli children and 2% of the adults, asthma can usually be managed with proper medical care. If it doesn't go away by the age of 18.

Dr. Binyamin Volovitz, a pediatrician and specialist in lung diseases at the Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel in Petah Tikva, has just written the first Hebrew-language handbook on the chronic condition. The 96-page, softcover volume, *Asthma* (Prólogo Publishers, Rosh Ha'ayin), begins with the hopeful Latin phrase: *Dum Spiro Spero* ("As Long as I Breathe, There is Hope").

"Unlike many other diseases, asthma can be controlled. It can be treated successfully in most cases so that sufferers can enjoy a normal way of life in all aspects, including physical activity and sports," notes Prof. Yitzhak Versano, chairman of the Israel Pediatric Association, in his short introduction. "It is no secret that among world-famous athletes are those who suffer from asthma."

The handbook - meant for the general public, sufferers as well as their families - explains in scientific but clear language the causes, symptoms and treatment of asthma, including the most up-to-date details known to specialists.

It is the most common chronic disease among children; three-fifths of those who get it are diagnosed by the age of two, and most of the rest by kindergarten. It is responsible for many of children's visits to hospital emergency rooms and inpatient care. Asthma is twice as common among boys than girls, but this gender gap narrows by adolescence and disappears by the age of 30.

It tends to run in families, but

there are nevertheless many asthmatics who have no record of asthma in their family. Children allergic to microscopic dust mites (which can be determined by skin tests or high levels of immunoglobulin E in their blood), or eczema or allergic rhinitis are most likely to be asthmatics, says notes Volovitz. Children with one or two parents who smoke are significantly more likely to get asthma. Those who suffer from repeated bouts of bronchiolitis caused by respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) have greater risk of asthma.

The causes are complex. The increase in air pollution undoubtedly has a major role, says the author, but how this works is not clear. Ironically, a survey in Sweden found that northern areas with less chemical pollution have more cases of asthma, perhaps because people are shut up in their houses due to the cold, and the air is unfiltered and polluted with dust mites and other allergens.

In this inflammatory condition, the muscles inside the bronchi of the lungs contract and the interior mucous tissue expands, leaving much less room for air to pass through, causing shortness of breath, coughing and wheezing. These symptoms point to asthma.

But a patient who gets his first attack after the age of 10, or one who does not react at all to bronchodilators, is unlikely to have asthma. The respiratory specialist is assisted in making a diagnosis by a peak flow meter (a plastic device through which the patient exhales); a chest x-ray; and a respiratory function test in the lab. Doctors may also try to rule out cystic fibrosis, a life-threatening genetic disorder, with a sweat test.

Three-quarters of all patients have the most mild form of asthma, in which attacks occur only once in four to six weeks. Otherwise, their lung function is normal. About a fifth of patients have moderate-level asthma, with a light decline in lung func-

tion between attacks, which are more frequent.

Only 5% of sufferers have the most severe type, in which any effort causes breathing difficulties day and night, and chronically poor lung function. The less serious the condition, the more likely it is to disappear by adolescence or adulthood, says Volovitz.

He notes that some allergies can result from eating certain foods; these usually express themselves in stomach aches, diarrhea and eruptions on the skin, but they occasionally can bring about coughs and wheezing. "There is no controlled data on whether removing certain foods from the diet can improve the condition of asthma patients."

There have been a number of conflicting findings about breastfeeding vs. bottle-feeding, or the effects of artificial food coloring and preservatives. But Volovitz concludes that "there is no need to recommend any specific diet for asthmatics."

There is also no proof, he says, that it is a psychosomatic disorder. However, an attack can be triggered by stress. Such an event can be a scary experience; bronchodilators (Ventolin and Bricalin) can cause rapid heartbeats; children may ("unjustifiably") miss out on school or sports activities, causing their self-image and self-confidence to decline. But all these psychological pressures can be eliminated, insists Volovitz, if the patient and his family are helped to understand the disorder better and receives proper medical care.

Patients whose attacks are triggered by a sudden change from warm-and-humid to dry-and-cold air should avoid this; if dust mites are a cause, sprays and frequent vacuuming are important. While sudden anger, crying or excitement can set off an attack, children should not be allowed to get their way by threatening an attack.

The arsenal of anti-asthma

drugs has increased greatly in recent years to include beta-antagonists, cortico-steroids, anti-cholinergic drugs and theophyllines. Some are taken to prevent an attack while others deal with an existing attack.

They are given mostly via mouth sprays into the throat and lungs, but if not administered carefully, much of the medication may remain in the throat and cause side effects such as nausea, headaches, disquiet and rapid heartbeats.

Patients should keep prescribed drugs with them at all times and know exactly when and how to use them. There are rather bulky devices called spacers into which a dose is sprayed that lets patients inhale deeply so that it enters the lungs rather than the throat.

The author discusses complementary medicine techniques that some claim are of benefit to sufferers - such as acupuncture, hypnosis, biofeedback and homeopathy. He urges patients who want to try these not to abandon their conventional drugs, as they could find themselves in serious trouble.

From time to time, one hears of patients who actually died of asthma. This occurs in one to eight per 100,000 people in the general population. Asthmatic deaths are increasingly rare among children, but more common among teenagers and young adults who are not supervised by parents and among the elderly.

To handle acute sudden attacks, an injection pen with a special drug may be prescribed. The private emergency services Shahal and Natali offer special monitoring for asthmatics over the telephone, and will send an ambulance if subscribers are in any danger. A Scottish study found that subscribers to such services were three times as likely to survive a severe attack than those who were not.

# 'Student abuse widespread at medical school'

HEALTH SCAN POST HEALTH REPORTER

Faculty members as a rule were reluctant to admit or unaware of the extent of perceived abuse of students, and even the students themselves generally thought they were an exception and that few of their peers suffered as they did.

The authors say they don't know whether the situation at the Jerusalem medical school is typical of that facing those in the country's

three other medical schools. Since medical students exposed to various types of abuse during their course of learning are likely (like abused children) to regard the purveyors as role models, conclude the authors, they may become abusers if they become medical-school faculty years later. Thus they recommend educational programs to increase faculty sensitivity, student evaluation as part of promotion, involving nurses in the teaching of medical students and involving students in nursing.

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## International intervention

THE most striking development of the past few days has been the internationalization of the Lebanon conflict. When Katyusha bombings of the Galilee became intolerable three years ago, the only non-regional power which could arbitrate between Jerusalem and Damascus was the US. Its State Department "peace team" came up with understandings which were intended to free the civilian population of both Lebanon and Israel from the ravages of war. That the understandings were so flawed that they made outright war inevitable has given other powers an excuse to intervene. Thursday's tragic killing of more than 100 Lebanese civilians, though unintentional, has also made interest in the conflict universal. Prime Minister Shimon Peres's invitation of French participation in the process gave Paris additional impetus, and Moscow's new hard line on the Middle East made it insist on taking a more active part in the negotiations. The players, then, are no longer just Syria, Israel and the US. For Israel this is a setback. The US, for all its reservations about some of Israel's actions, has been sympathetic to Israel's defense needs and generally supportive of Grapes of Wrath, if for no other reason than Washington's unconfessed desire to see a Peres victory in next month's elections. But the other players are far closer to the Syrian position, which views the Hizbullah war against Israel as a struggle against an occupier and deems a general cease-fire unacceptable. What Israel has not been able to convey to the

world is the enormous damage Syria has inflicted on Israel through its Hizbullah proxy. None of the governments now eager to persuade Israel to accept inadequate conditions for a cease-fire would have tolerated Katyusha rockets falling on their towns and villages without retaliating massively. In Kiryat Shmona alone, 18,000 of a total population of 22,000 have had to be evacuated. Out of a total of 8,000 homes, 1,000 have been seriously damaged or destroyed, and life in the North has come to a virtual standstill. Losses have been estimated at NIS 70 million. If miraculously there has been no loss of life, it is due to the government's precautions. After all this the world community should have considered sanctions against Syria, not ways to placate the Damascus regime. That it has not done so may be a sad commentary on the state of international morality, but it also carries an inescapable lesson for Israel: What may have seemed like a drastic change in the world's approach to conflicts is no more than a chimera. National self-interest still dictates the foreign powers' attitudes to the region. And while the Soviet Union is no more, Russian interests in the area are not much more benign than those of its predecessor. If the Kremlin cannot yet provide the radical Arab states with the kind of backing the USSR gave them, it is mostly for economic reasons, not for lack of ambition. And if Israel is to maneuver successfully around these interests, it will have to think in terms of old-fashioned realpolitik rather than indulge in euphoric fantasies of a new world order.

## Palestinized Israeli Arabs

THE reaction to Operation Grapes of Wrath by the Israeli Arab political leadership is one of the more unsettling parts of the operation. It is one thing for Arab leaders to organize demonstrations in Nazareth against the government in sympathy for the Lebanese killed by Israeli artillery, but quite another to riot and attack the police amid shouts of slogans against the state. Nor is the leadership's decision to boycott meetings with the prime minister and its threats to boycott Independence Day celebrations compatible with the expected conduct of a loyal opposition. Particularly reprehensible is the failure to condemn Hizbullah and its aggression against Israeli civilians. Such conduct - even if it is no more than a thoughtless, knee-jerk response - should worry Israel far more than the predictable chorus of disapproval from the Arab regimes and some European countries. Unfortunately, these responses in the Israeli Arab community are not an aberration. The peace process, which was supposed to moderate the Arab population, seems to have had the opposite effect. Many Israeli Arabs describe themselves as "Palestinian Arab Moslems who have Israeli citizenship," some openly support violence against the state, and most seem to identify with the country's adversaries. Nothing reflects this move toward radical nationalism more dramatically than the Arab parties' Knesset lists, in which the common denominator is a virtually total identification with the aims of the PLO. The most worrisome choice is that of Abdul Malek Dahamshe, who

heads the United List, now united with Abdul Wahab Darawshe's Democratic Arab Party. A Hebrew University graduate, Dahamshe was arrested and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment after joining Fatah, then an illegal terrorist organization. During his years in jail he became deeply religious and later joined the Islamic movement. A lawyer, he specialized in defending indicted terrorists; one of his more illustrious clients was Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin. In a recent interview he stated he had no regrets about joining a terrorist organization whose declared purpose was, and still is, the destruction of Israel. The Communist party (Hadash), the other significant party in the Arab sector (and the only one to field a Jewish candidate), is also leaning toward a more nationalistic position. It has incorporated the "Democratic National Alliance," led by Azmi Bishara and other veterans of radical nationalist movements. Having mostly abandoned its Leninist-Stalinist message, it is making irredentist Palestinian nationalism its trademark. A third party is being led by Ahmed Tibi, an adviser to Yasser Arafat. He is probably the first person in history to run for parliament in a democracy while serving as an official adviser to his country's dictatorial adversary. What makes the hue and composition of the Arab Knesset lists particularly disturbing is that these declared anti-Zionists will probably have the power to determine the size and character of the state and the future of the Zionist enterprise. It is not a happy thought.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**NO JOKE**  
Sir, - On the front page of your paper of April 1, you ran the headline, "Hizbullah warns of more Katyushas." The subhead further indicated that previous attacks were "only a taste" of what was coming. On the back page of the same issue, a headline read, "Peres leaves for Oman, Qatar."  
At first, I thought it was all an April Fool's gag, coming as it did on the day each year when Americans make jest of everything. But, alas, it was no joke. Our defense minister, Mr. Peres, was off on a business junket to Arab states while back home enemy bombs were falling and citizens were warned to stay in underground shelters.  
This is more evidence of this government's callous disregard for the suffering of its own people and confirmation that Mr. Peres cares more for his personal international standing than for our welfare. So while death and destruction rain down on us, our fearless leader is being wine and dined in the glittering castles of desert potentates discussing multi-million dollar projects for the benefit of his industrialist friends.  
Following the elections, perhaps a new government will appoint Peres as permanent roving business representative to the Arab nations while the rest of us clean up the colossal mess he left behind.  
Chairman, The International Forum for a United Jerusalem  
Tel Aviv.  
MIKE LEVINE

**WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WESTERN WALL?**  
Sir, - Superb photographs of Jerusalem adorn the April issue of the National Geographic magazine. Three full pages devoted to the Dome of the Rock and al-Aksa Mosque show them from all angles. A heart-rending march in the Via Dolorosa is beautifully portrayed. Moving scenes of Moslem women praying at the feet of Id al-Fitr and a Christian pilgrim at the Praetorium Grotto. But not a single Jew is seen praying, let alone the lack of a fitting presence of the holiest of all Jewish sites, the Western Wall. Is Jerusalem not holy to the Jews as well?  
What we see is a militant Israel: A soldier with a rifle slung over his shoulders kissing a girl; A Jew talking on the telephone also conspicuously armed; an ultra-religious woman demonstrator carrying a sign, "Jerusalem only for Jews"; hassidic students in a debate.  
Admittedly the text of the article is more balanced, although it contains the absurd statement that Gershon Solomon's tiny group, the so-called Temple Mount Faithful, has 10,000 followers!  
It is the marvelous photography more than the accompanying text that makes the National Geographic the great magazine it is. What a pity, therefore, that its 10 million readers worldwide will get such a distorted view of Jerusalem's sanctity to the Jews!  
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Chairman, The International Forum for a United Jerusalem  
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**REFERENDUMS**  
Sir, - Referendums drafted by the government in power are rarely, if ever, objective, and are never simply yes or no. Obviously, the ruling power wants the referendum to pass, so it typically uses clever drafting techniques to sway the public. For example, a Peres referendum on the Palestinian solution would probably read as follows: Israel and the Palestinians have reached a historic accord that will bring lasting peace to the new Middle East. Israel signed the accord with the Palestinians in order to stop the bloodshed and provide the children of both nations with a better future, a future without war or terror. Your vote will determine whether this future becomes a reality.  
The truth and objectivity of the wording in the referendum is irrelevant. The public-relations aspect will always win. The merits of the agreement will not be part of the referendum. As in Oslo, no one will have time to fairly review the agreement with the Palestinians. Peres will bulldoze his way through a referendum the same way he bulldozed Oslo 1 and 2 through the Knesset. Does anyone want the mistakes of Oslo 1 and 2 to be repeated in further agreements? The referendum will not address the contents of the agreement, or alleviate any problems or mistakes contained in the agreement.  
MICHAEL NEUVIRTH  
Mevaseret Zion.

**POSTSCRIPTS**  
THE OWNER of a Lancaster, California, moving company has been charged with a string of felonies for failing to deliver more than \$1 million worth of his customers' possessions.  
Many of the belongings - including refrigerators, sofas and boxes of family photos - were simply dumped in a field. Even a Wurlitzer piano sat under the desert sun.  
Larry John Phillips, 51, was charged with 21 felony counts.  
In some cases, Phillips would pick up the goods and then tell customers he wouldn't make the money. Even when they did send more money, the items sometimes were dumped.  
The field was discovered by the owner of a U-Haul rental agency, who rented some trucks to Phillips, which were also never returned. The owner followed Phillips in search of his errant trucks.  
The writer is a Fulbright Scholar researching Israeli constitutional law.



## Assad's Hizbullah card

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER  
As a leading Israeli journalist told me a few days ago, barring some major incident between now and election day, the election is over. Peres wins. Clinton's policy toward Israel may be nakedly partisan, but it is admirably coherent. However, American policy toward Syria, the other major actor in the current drama, has been confused and contradictory. THIS IS Syria's game: Syria controls Lebanon and exercises, as the cliché has it, "predominant influence" over Hizbullah, a proxy force that President Assad deploys against Israel at his pleasure. To what end? Assad wants to get back the Golan Heights that Syria lost during the 1967 war. Peres would like to give it to him, but only in return for a full peace. Assad is offering mere nonbelligerency instead - which is exactly what Israel already has vis-à-vis Syria.  
How to move Israel to give something for nothing when Israel - militarily and economically superior to Syria and backed by America (Syria's patron, the Soviet Union, is a memory) - holds all the cards?  
All but one. Assad has the Hizbullah card.  
Hizbullah attacks Israeli soldiers, killing 60 since the last US-brokered cease-fire in Lebanon in 1993. Hizbullah fires Katyusha rockets into northern Israel, wounding scores and emptying Israel's northernmost town, Kiryat Shmona.  
Assad's message: Want to stop

the bleeding? Capitulate on the Golan, and I'll see to it. Assad gives and Assad takes. The amazing thing about this little, bloody dance is that Assad gets away with it. There is never any penalty for playing the terrorist card. Indeed the administration's treatment of this cynical and dangerous troublemaker goes far beyond immunity to unwelcome encouragement. The Clinton administration has lavished more attention and offered more inducements to Assad than any administration ever. Woody Allen once said, "I've spent 17 years in therapy, I'm giving it one more and then I'm going to Lourdes." Secretary of State Christopher has been 17 times to Damascus. Once more, and he'll qualify for dual citizenship. And what has he gotten for his pains? A Syria that knows any provocation will elicit, at worst, yet another visit from this relentless man.  
The ultimate travesty was Christopher's inviting Syria to the anti-terrorism summit last month in Egypt. Syria is on the State Department list of terrorist states. It houses the leading terrorist organizations of the Middle East. Indeed, it hosts offices of the very Hamas terrorists that carried out the suicide bombings that provoked the anti-terrorism conference in the first place. Nor is it just Christopher. In 1994 President Clinton paid Assad the honor of a home visit too. Why flatter a regime gravely weakened by the loss of its Soviet patron, isolated in the Arab world, linked in an unholy alliance with non-Arab Iran, and patron of the worst terrorists in the Middle East?  
The administration's propitiation of Assad is a moral disgrace that might conceivably be justified if it yielded results. The result so far has been to embolden a tyrant who sees his every cynical manipulation earn him yet more favorable attention from the world's one remaining superpower.

## But only if the Palestinians bury the PLO Covenant

EVERY people has its national symbols that bind together past, present and future into a common destiny. Constitutions are one of the strongest national symbols. But they also provide substantial guidelines for government policy. And in times of national upheaval they require amendment. The Palestinians have reached just such a juncture with their constitution, the PLO Covenant. Under the Oslo accords, the Palestinian Authority has until May 7 to rescind or amend sections of the PLO Covenant that are inconsistent with Israel's right to exist. This week the Palestine National Council will convene to decide how it will deal with the thorny matter of its covenant. Amending the PLO Covenant has turned out to be harder than anticipated. Legally, it requires a two-thirds vote of the members of the PNC. Politically, Yasser Arafat has been trying to squirm out of his commitments. Officials at the Foreign Ministry seem anxious to provide the master chameleon with amendments that will satisfy his commitments under the Oslo 2 accord. However, there is only one way to amend a constitution, and that is to fulfill the amendment requirements as set out in the document itself. Americans have amended their constitution 27 times in the course of 200 years. Coming into force several years after the original constitution, the first 10 amendments should not really count. Known collectively as the Bill of Rights, they are better thought of as a supplement to the original constitution. Tossing the first 10 out, we are left with 17 amendments - an average of one every 12 or so years. The PLO Covenant was enacted in 1964 and amended in 1968. Since then, it has been left untouched. One amendment after 30 years is not excessive. The PLO Covenant necessitates amendment because of a change in policy. Peppered with the favorite catchphrases of anti-Zionist propaganda like "Zionist invasion," "armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine" and other blasts from the podium of UN general assemblies past, the PLO Covenant has provided the source of Palestinian ideology and action since 1964. The raison d'être of the PLO was the destruction of Israel through "armed struggle." Because the PLO has claimed to have abandoned both the policy of the destruction of Israel and the process of armed struggle, its constitution needs to be amended to fit its new disposition. The time has come to bury the PLO Covenant. COUNTRIES change course throughout their history. It is only natural for them to abandon old constitutions. When South Africa moved from an apartheid regime to a multiracial democracy, it adopted a new interim constitution that explicitly repealed the former constitution and all apartheid legislation. Former socialist republics such as Russia, Romania, and Latvia explicitly repealed their former constitutions as they became democracies. The Palestinians must amend their constitution to recognize the replacement of armed struggle with political negotiation. At least 28 of the covenant's 33 articles are inconsistent with the PLO's recognition of Israel's right to exist and the renouncement of terror. Since five articles do not constitute a quorum, there is only one way to amend the PLO Covenant in accordance with the Oslo accords. The PNC must pass a resolution that states: "The PLO Covenant is hereby repealed." If the Palestinians wish to pass a new constitution, let them go ahead - but only after they have explicitly rescinded the old one. Constitutions are the supreme law of the land. Whether their legal supremacy is enshrined in the document itself or proclaimed by the judiciary, constitutions have strong symbolic and educational importance. Repealing the PLO Covenant is the only way for the Palestinian leadership to tell its people, Israelis and the world that the Palestinians have truly entered a new era.

## PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



You never know who - or what - might be on your heels when you're shopping in Manhattan. This camel was part of a show at the nearby Radio City Music Hall. (AP)

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# New era

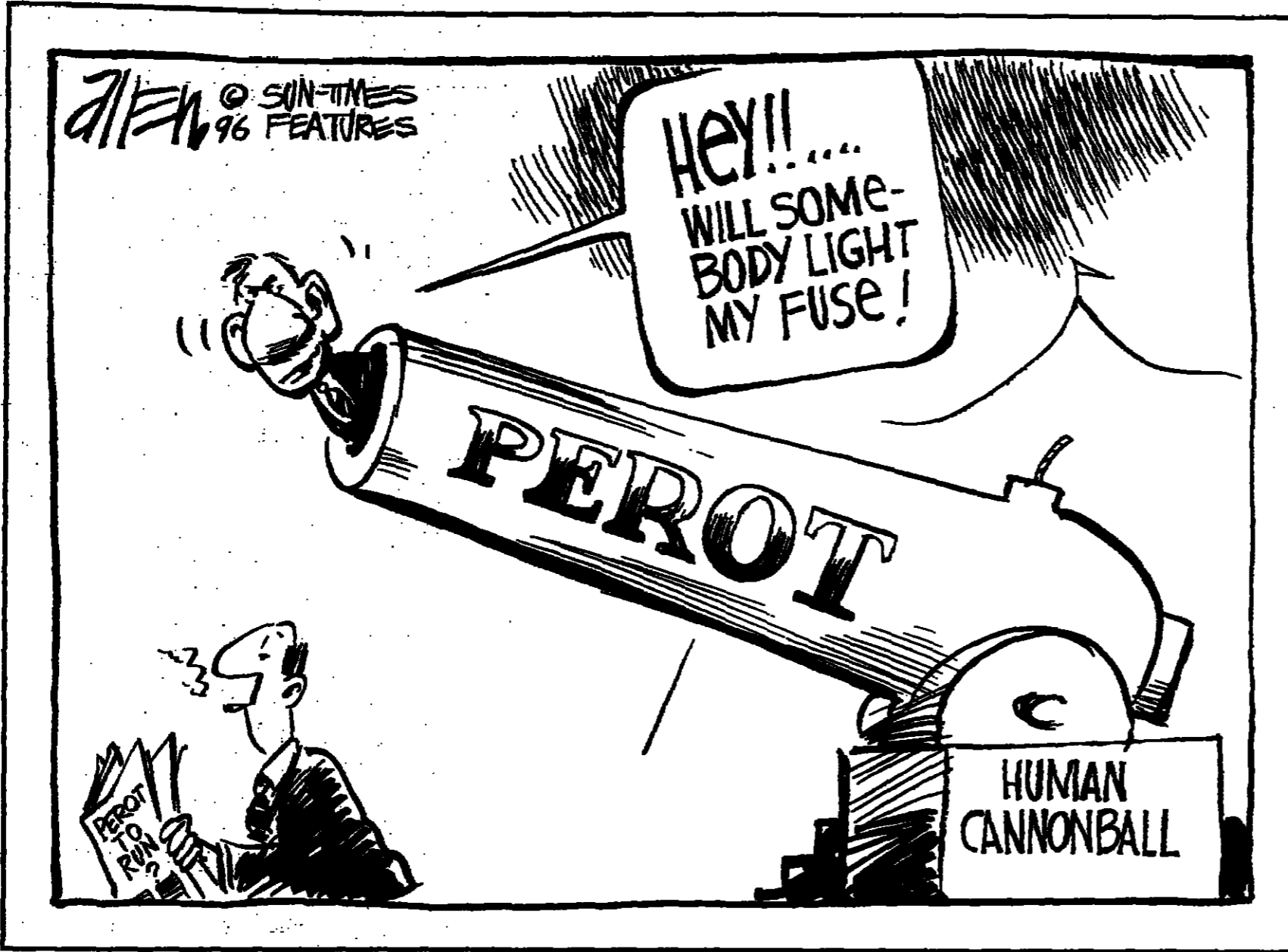
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# AMERICAN OUTLOOK

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## Let them eat stock Corporate downsizing equals big dividends

BY JAMES CRAMER

**P**sst. You want to make a killing in the stock market? Find out which Fortune 500 company intends to fire enough employees to make a splash in tomorrow's Wall Street Journal. It's a sure bet that the company's stock will jump — perhaps big — depending upon the number of people axed. Our rule of thumb at my investment company: We'll pay up two points for every 10,000 people discarded.

I wish I could say I was joking, that I was just indulging in the gallows humor that all traders thrive on. But I'm deadly and morbidly serious. And for good reason. The presidents of America's major corporations make the same calculus I do every time they announce restructurings and downsizings. They are advised by the same people who advise me about my decisions to buy and sell stocks. We all have the same word: the more the merrier.

There is a simple, purely capitalist solution to this heartless cycle. It requires no legislation, no heavy legal or accounting lifting and, shockingly, no money from the companies themselves. Yet it will enrich the fired employees and give them a sense of the achievement they deserve — and have lost through no fault of their own. Just give the laid-off employees stock options, struck the day before the layoffs are announced. Let them participate in the stock appreciation that their firings caused. One for one. Award more options for those who have worked the longest. Allow the employees to choose between cash and a participation in the gains that their firing will most certainly trigger.

Take the case of IBM, a company whose stock has been nothing short of sensational since the time that its CEO Lou Gerstner bit the bullet and laid off tens of thousands of employees back in July of 1993. IBM had already announced a series of large layoffs, but nothing to match the catastrophic cuts that came with the multibillion-dollar loss after IBM's dismal second quarter of that year. With the realization that Gerstner was serious about turning the ship around — manifested by his willingness to fire even the good employees — IBM's stock began its sustained run that left it three times higher three years later. Gerstner et al. may have seemed heartless at the time. No doubt in this environment he would have bumped AT&T's Robert Allen out of the headlines as corporate killer No. 1. But hindsight

tells us that, if Gerstner had not made those layoffs, IBM may have gone the way of other tech dinosaurs who were unwilling to make tough choices. In short, the need to be competitive in the longer term legitimately did outweigh the pain that IBM's workforce had to suffer.

IBM's top management, again, legitimately made fortunes in stock options during this run, but the fired employees were, unfairly, left with a nice severance pay, with no take in the subsequent appreciation. How much fairer it would have been if ex-employees had been able to choose between a cash package and a package that included options pegged to capture all of the appreciation above \$40 — where the stock was the day before the layoffs.

IBM, of course, should be thrilled to do this; it actually costs less out of pocket than a lump-sum and yet may go much further toward paying the mortgage, or starting a new business, than a cash package. The only cost would be in the dilution that comes from issuing more shares; this would be more than made up in value by the advance in the stock price.

In practical terms, there would be no cash involved until a sale is made. Again, take the case of IBM. Let's say an ex-employee wanted to exercise her right to capture the difference between IBM the day before the layoffs and IBM two weeks later (\$46 minus \$40 equals \$6). IBM will have granted her stock appreciation rights that allow her to capture those six points, by selling the stock at \$46 in the open market. If she received 1,000 rights for every year she worked at IBM, and she was a 20-year veteran, she would have 20,000 rights times 6 points, or \$120,000 in gain. That gain would be taxable — at the highest bracket, giving the employees a short-term capital gain north of \$80,000. Not bad.

Now, if the employee could wait, she could have reaped a giant payday three years later by selling the stock at \$120 (\$120 minus \$40 equals \$80; \$80 times 20,000 equals \$1.6 million!) earning a sum that would be more than 10 times what she probably received in cash. During that period she could have borrowed against the rights to start a new business or pay off a college tuition or two, and still have plenty of savings. (IBM would not have to pay additional dividends on the rights, because they don't formally count as shares.)

This plan should have no natural enemies. The companies save out of pocket cash by granting those who believe in the restructuring stock instead of lump-sums. The ex-employees, rather

than feeling embittered by what their axing accomplished for the greedy hangers-on, including management, get to share in the wealth they created through no fault of their own. And the Treasury stands to benefit by taxing the ex-employees on the capital gains taken on the eventual sale of the stock.

Oddly, I couldn't find any company that has currently put this idea into practice. When questioned about this proposal, both the Democrats in the White House and the Dole campaign seemed stymied because they couldn't point to a corporate good guy to latch on to who has a stock option severance plan. In combing through the 100 largest layoffs of the last five years, I couldn't find any, either. Without a company to point to, the bully pulpit will be silent. What a shame. Companies shouldn't wait for Dole or Clinton to jam a plan down their throats. They should be clamoring to do the right thing themselves. That way, when the next round of restructurings begins, the more the merrier won't just apply to Wall Street anymore.

Of course, there are plenty of potential caveats and stumbling blocks. Private companies have no ability to grant such stock options, so employees at these companies couldn't benefit. Cumulative, gradual layoffs don't trigger a big splash, so companies could greedily stagger the layoffs and not award any stock options at all. But current Wall Street psychology being what it is, executives are anxious to make as big a bang as possible out of the firings, so downplaying cutbacks won't make much sense. Finally, companies are reluctant to award stock to employees other than top management, so starting to award stock appreciation rights to people who no longer even work there may mean a difficult cognitive leap. But, if the pace of these layoffs keeps up, and the press and politicians have their way, the alternative will be some unworkable legislative nightmare that smacks of the European corporate socialism that has ultimately bred higher unemployment and slower job creation than our vibrant, meaner brand of capitalism. Companies would do well to spare us government intervention by starting now to share some of the stock wealth with those who have departed through no fault of their own.

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## Is Unabomber case O.J. redux?

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

**H**ere we go again. Leaks by unnamed investigative sources are making the Unabomber case seem open and shut. Remind you of anything? Could it be O.J. redux?

Remember the police leaks in the Simpson case? Many of them proved false. Even those which turned out to be true hurt the case, because they provided the defense with ammunition we were able to use to our tactical advantage. For example, we were able to get the grand jury discharged because of prejudicial leaks. Moreover, prosecutors in the Simpson case locked themselves into a "theory" — that one person committed the crimes — early on in the investigation, and then were stuck defending that theory even after their own witnesses testified that it was possible that two different knives were used in the murders.

What lessons can the FBI and federal prosecutors in the Unabomber case learn from the mistakes made by the Los Angeles police and prosecutors in the Simpson case?

First and foremost, make certain that first-rate professionals are assigned to every phase of the case. The Los Angeles Police Department allowed second-rate police officers such as Philip Vannatter (known by his colleagues as half the team of "Dumb and Dumber") to botch the investigation by walking around with a vial containing the defendant's blood sample for three hours. They permitted inexperienced criminalists to gather evidence and an incompetent pathologist to perform the autopsies. They allowed a cop with well-known racist views to participate in the investigation and testify at the trial.

Second, do not overtry the case. The Simpson prosecutors did not know how to edit their case for effective presentation. They were afraid to leave anything out for fear of being criticized. They devoted the opening weeks of the trial to questionable testimony about motive instead of getting directly to the hard forensic evidence. There will be a temptation to do likewise in the Unabomber case, since the evidence of motive appears to be so compelling. That would be a serious mistake. Motive is almost always weak evidence of an action, since so many people who are motivated to kill refrain from doing so.

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There will also be a strong temptation to try Ted Kaczynski as "the Unabomber." But to do so would be to invite his defense lawyer to argue that there was no one single Unabomber who was responsible for every one of the bombs. If the defense lawyer can come up with an alibi for even one of the bombings, he will have destroyed the prosecution's theory. Instead, the federal prosecutors should try Kaczynski for the one or two deadly bombings for which they have the strongest evidence.

Nor should federal prosecutors give in to politically motivated state prosecutors who want part of the action. It is particularly important to say no to California authorities who are clamoring to try one of the cases. California has repeatedly demonstrated its inability to conduct efficient and effective trials in high-visibility cases.

Another important lesson from the Simpson case is that federal prosecutors should not exaggerate the strength of their case through leaks. The case against Simpson, as leaked to the media, was far stronger than the case as presented to the jury. This disparity damaged the credibility of prosecutors and disappointed the jury's expectations. Law enforcement officials seem unwilling to, or incapable of, controlling press leaks, which in the Unabomber case have already become hemorrhages. Attorney General Janet Reno has the ultimate authority over all federal law enforcement, and she should immediately exercise that authority to stop the leaks.

Finally, it is important to have the case assigned to a judge who is up to the task of conducting a high-visibility trial with evenhandedness, professionalism, efficiency and firmness. This does not require a martinet, but rather a jurist who can listen to both sides and then act decisively. Although federal trials are assigned randomly, the federal prosecutors have the power to select the district in which the trial will be conducted. They should exercise that power fairly, with an eye toward maximizing the prospects for a fair trial.

It is too early to know how the Unabomber case will unfold. Much will depend on the defendant. Will he contest the facts? Will he try to justify his conduct? Will he invoke an insanity defense? It will also depend on what kind of lawyer eventually represents him. A political lawyer? A legalistic lawyer who never speaks to the press? A lawyer who always talks to the media? Whatever tact he and his lawyer take, the world will be watching as we conduct yet another trial of the century — the third or fourth of this decade alone.

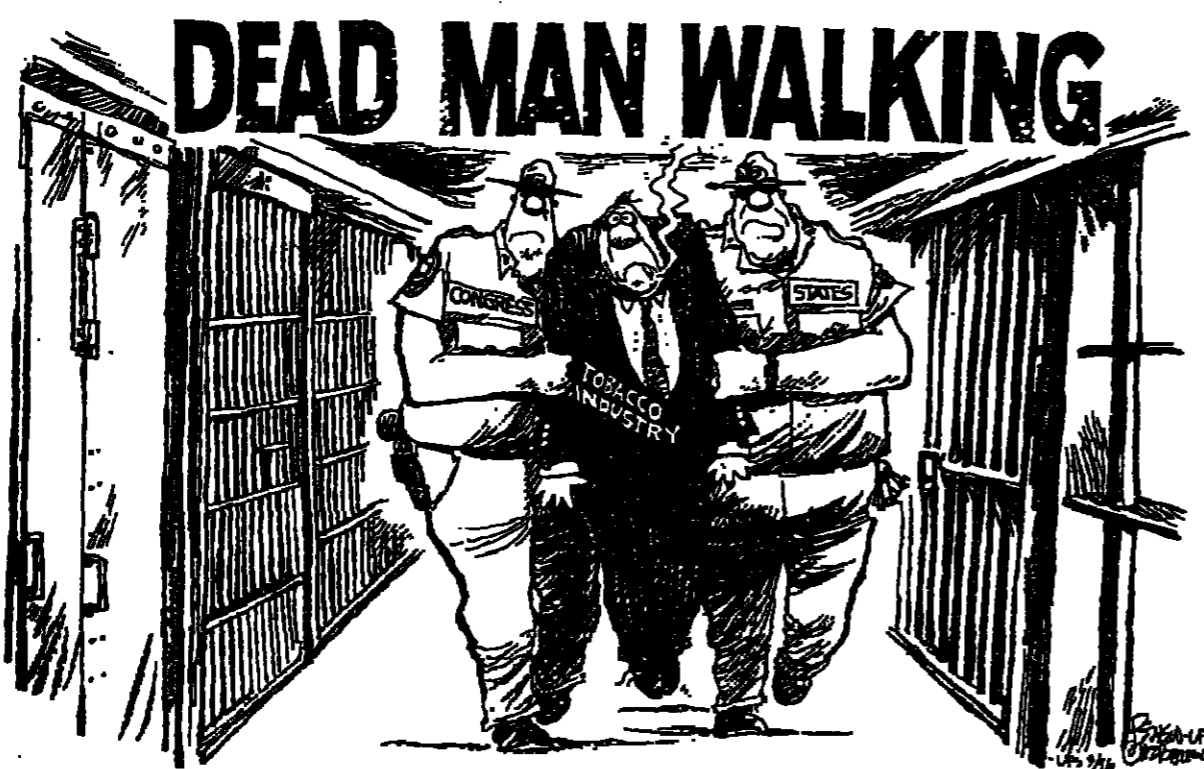
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# EDITORIAL CARTOONS



"HMM... LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER OUTBREAK OF MAD COP DISEASE..."



# Pool sharks strike health care issue

BY JOHN JUDIS

Everybody loves the Kassebaum-Kennedy health care bill, don't they? In his State of the Union, Bill Clinton got in on the bipartisan love-in. He urged Congress to pass "the bipartisan bill sponsored by Senator Kennedy and Senator Kassebaum that would require insurance companies to stop dropping people when they switch jobs and stop denying coverage for pre-existing conditions." It's been endorsed by everyone from Utah's Orrin Hatch on the right to Minnesota's Paul Wellstone on the left.

On March 28, the House passed a rival version of the bill — weighed down by special-interest provisions, including deductions for Medical Savings Accounts (a gift to Republican donor J. Patrick Rooney's Golden Rule Insurance Co.) and regulation exemptions for small business insurance pools (a favor to the National Federation of Independent Business). But the tawdriness of the House bill has only made the Senate version look even rosier. Kassebaum and Kennedy's legislation, which already has 56 sponsors, is expected to pass easily when the Senate considers it later this month.

Well, sorry to say, something is wrong with this perfect piece of legislation. In their enthusiasm, the bills bipartisan backers have not looked closely at how it works. They haven't examined whether it can actually accomplish what Kassebaum and Kennedy promise. Yes, the Senate as well as the House bill would protect individuals who go from one job, where they are insured, to another, where they would be insured by a different company; the new insurance company could not deny them coverage because of a pre-existing condition. Though some states already prohibit this, making it national law is worthwhile.

But Kassebaum and Kennedy also claim their bill protects people who lose their insurance after leaving a job and either remain unemployed or go to work for a business that does not provide health insurance. Under the bill, Kennedy said, "Any employees losing group coverage because they leave their job or for any other reason would be guaranteed the right to buy an individual policy." That statement, echoed by other supporters of the bill, is at best misleading and at worst false.

First of all, neither the House nor the Senate bill caps the premiums insurers can charge individuals who leave their jobs. Those with pre-existing conditions could pay premiums double or triple the average. Even the *Investor's Business Daily*, hardly a voice of reform, has remarked that this undercuts the bill's claims: "[W]ithout rate controls, this guarantee [of insurability] becomes a hollow one: What unemployed person could afford a policy costing \$10,000 or more a year?"

Secondly, both the Senate and House sponsors have left a loophole in their bills to allow private insurers to evade their responsibility for insuring individuals with pre-existing conditions. Both the House and Senate versions allow states to meet the bills' requirement for insuring individuals by setting up "high-risk pools." Private insurers could then direct somebody with a heart condition or a history of cancer to buy insurance from these government-run pools. But 26 states already have such pools, and they're failures.

The pools are bags of fiscal insolvency. By definition, they attract a less-healthy population than private insurance. This jacks up costs, which increases pressure to raise premiums, and drives out those who can't afford them. A Florida survey found that 43 percent of those who had left the state plan no longer had any insurance. Proposals to break this vicious spiral by subsidizing the pools through new taxes or assessments on private insurers have met with stiff political resistance.

To their credit, Kassebaum and Kennedy initially grappled with these problems. In the bill's first version, introduced last July, they stipulated that, in order to win exemption from the rules requiring private insurance to cover pre-existing conditions, states would have to get their high-risk pool approved by the Department of Health and Human Services. Among other things, the states would have to demonstrate that their pools provide "guaranteed access to affordable coverage." But under pressure from private insurers, Kassebaum and Kennedy last month weakened these provisions.

As the National Underwriter reported, Kassebaum and Kennedy amended their bill to gain the support of the Independent Insurance Agents of America. When the bill comes up this month, they will present an amendment that would redefine "affordable" health insur-

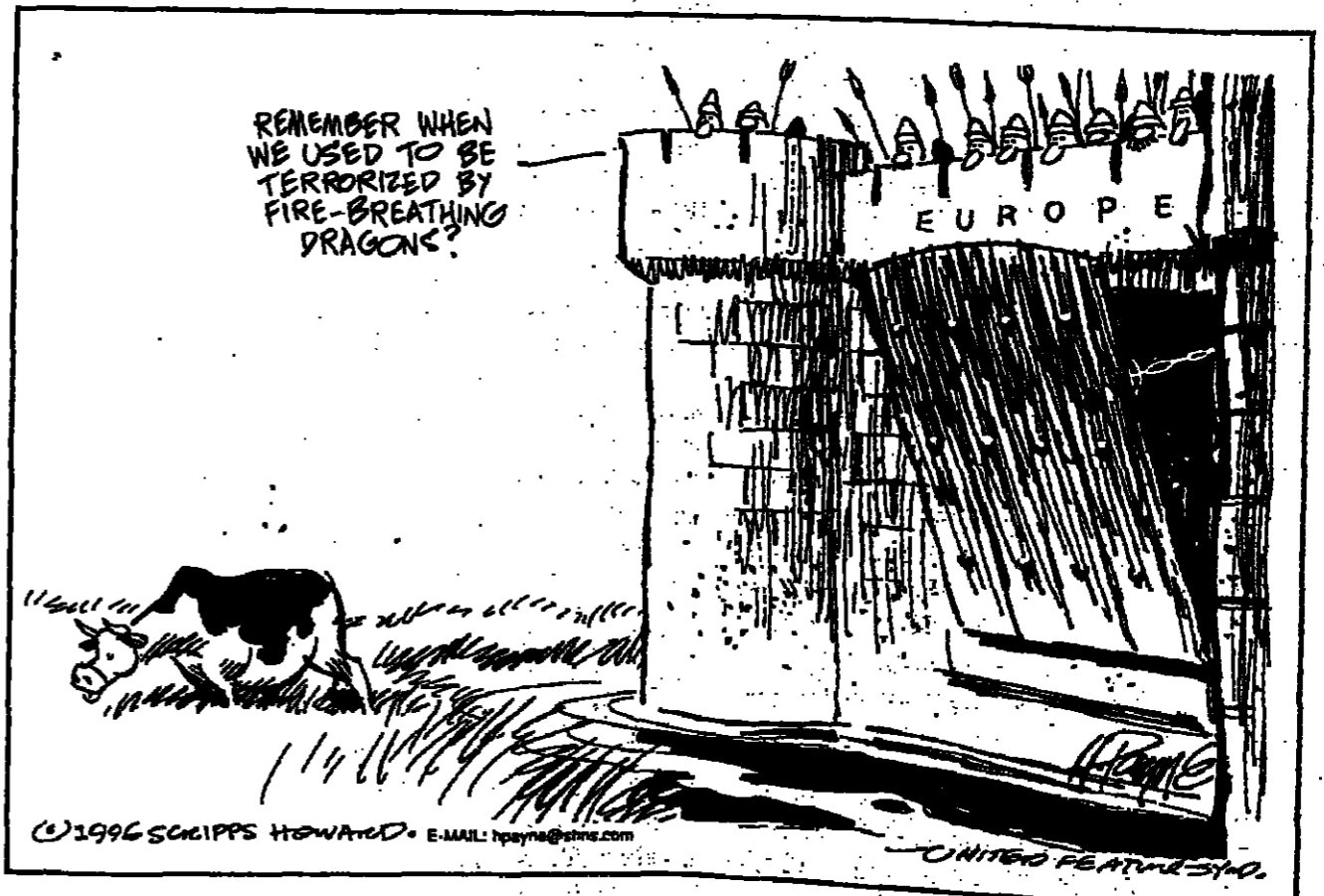
ance — not as "the relationship between premiums and the income of potential purchasers" but as "a comparison of the cost of coverage under a state program versus the cost in the absence of a program." In other words, "affordable" will be defined as what is affordable to the insurer. The House version does even more to help private insurers shrug off individuals with pre-existing conditions. It sets no standards for state pools to meet. The word "affordable" does not even appear in the House bill. And like Kennedy-Kassebaum, it doesn't cap premiums.

Entranced by the magic of their bipartisan goodwill, the bill's supporters have become curiously oblivious to its limitations. When the insurance lobby argued that requiring coverage of health risks would cause average rates to rise, Kassebaum and Kennedy issued a statement claiming that their reforms "would have a minimal impact on individual insurance market rates." They cited a study by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and the Hay Group. But that study was based on the assumption that instead of raising rates across the board to accommodate high-risk individuals, insurance companies would charge them as much as 200 percent more. If the insurance companies did this, the study found, the reforms would raise average rates only 1 to 3 percent. By the same assumptions, however, the so-called reforms would make a mockery of guaranteeing high-risk individuals "the right to buy an individual policy."

The Kassebaum-Kennedy bill has been celebrated as the kind of simple, incremental reform the Clinton administration should have attempted in the first place. But there was a reason the Clinton bill was so complicated. Health care finance and delivery is a web of extraordinarily intricate relations, where progress in one area can easily lead to regression in another. Kassebaum-Kennedy does make improvements in one very narrow area, but, in claiming to do more, it nourishes illusions about the ease of reform. Kennedy-Kassebaum is the Brady bill of health care reform. It stands for change, but does very little to bring it about.

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# SUNDAY COMICS

## Doonesbury

G.B. TRUDEAU

DOONESBURY: G.B. TRUDEAU

## PEANUTS

SCHULZ

PEANUTS: SCHULZ

## Steve

By Jeff McElroy

STEVE: By Jeff McElroy

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Watterson

CALVIN AND HOBBS: By Bill Watterson

FORE!

DO I HEAR FORE AND A HALF?

I GOT IT IN!

ATTA GIRL...

WHAT DID I HAVE P?

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YOU MEAN I BROKE 100?

YEP.

MY FIRST TIME OUT AND I BROKE 100!

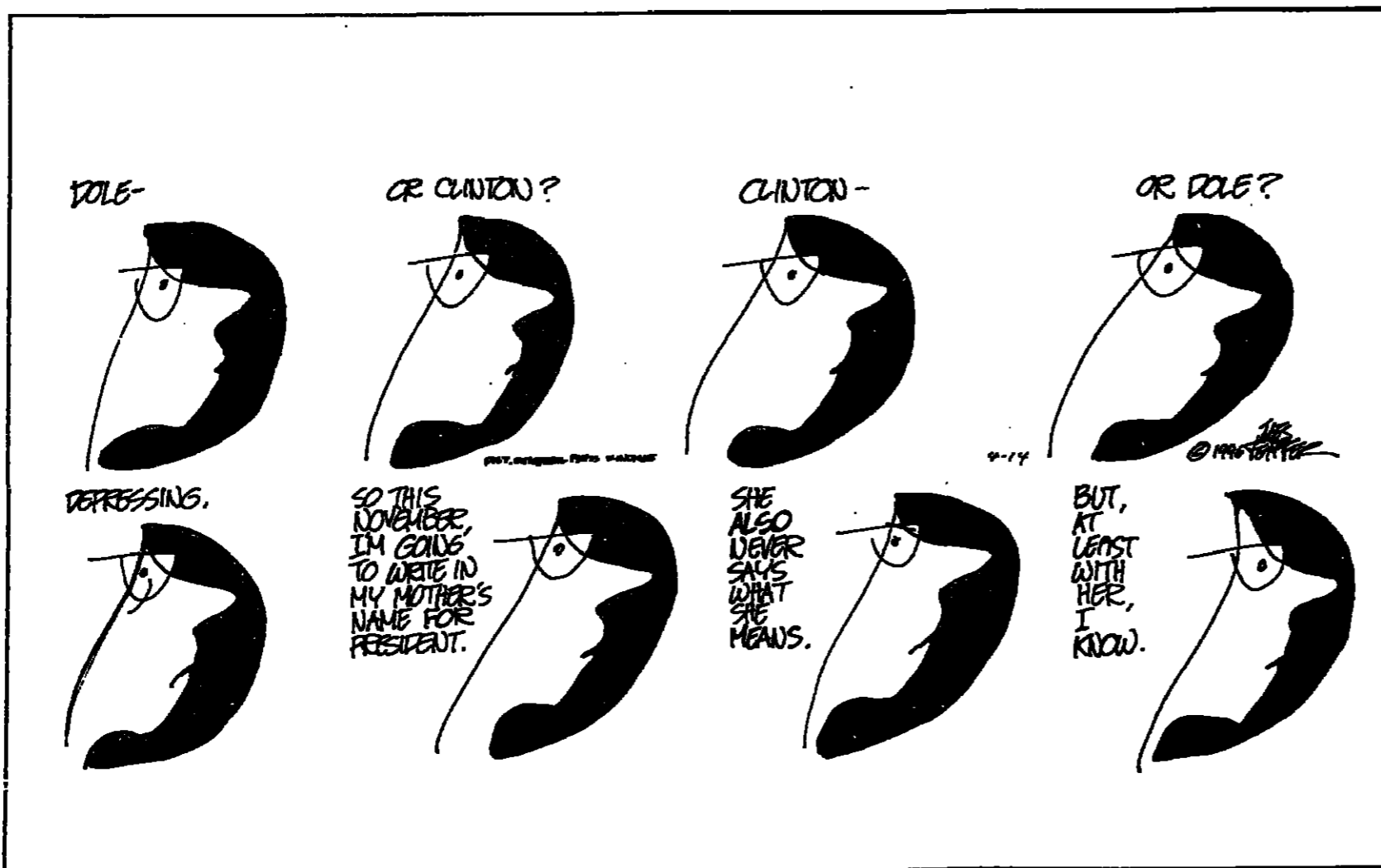
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### TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

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- Grooming aid
  - Call Me ...
  - Cordless answering
  - Serious saying
  - ... behind in ...
  - Sun-dried brick
  - Eve or Juan
  - Actor Redford
  - Jonathan Swift's masterpiece
  - To an excessive degree
  - Wild subjects
  - Scarlett's surname
  - Slant
  - Exec. unit
  - Half a score
  - Straid
  - Lag behind
  - 37 Dec. 31 word
  - Range animal
  - Weight unit
  - Scottish child
  - Jungle cat
  - Toward the mouth
  - Saw loosely
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  - Bull. Sp.
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  - New employee
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  - Supplied food for the party
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  - Liquid measure
  - German city
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  - Baseball player Thompson
  - Tardy
  - Expert
  - Friday refreshers
  - Seete
  - Complete
  - Fuel gas
  - Divided
  - Rustler river
  - Anger
  - Glass-enclosed porch
  - Cash
  - Humorous
  - Wander about
  - Lincoln's nickname
  - Carnival ride
  - Address Dahl
  - Smashing
  - Lessons' author
  - Roman road
  - Burghee attack
  - Cotton
  - Baffling question
  - Old German coin
  - Warning device
  - Did a cobbler's job
  - Social group
  - Alleghates
  - Trimmed
  - Packaged, like cotton
  - Carfed
  - French computer
  - Potter's products
  - Robicue
  - Long-legged bird
  - Loosened
  - Booth Luac
  - Chemical compound
  - Farm-equipment name
  - African river
  - Julia's love
  - Met cheer
  - Like a playful pup
  - Sentry
  - Drunkard
  - Barley sign
  - Joyce Carol
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  - Tasty
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  - Radioactive gas
  - Diocese
  - Across Lolla
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  - Metal bolt
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  - Wey terrier
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  - Calm
  - Fastbar scarf
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  - Emulate Helen Gurley Brown
  - German river
  - Stringed instrument
  - 112 bird verbs
  - Relative
  - In good health





# U.S. overdoses on its 'war on drugs'

BY JONATHAN CHAIT

After a dramatic pause in his January State of the Union address, President Clinton introduced his new "drug czar" General Barry McCaffrey. Then, last month, he quadrupled the staff of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and requested an extra \$3.4 million in funding. Congressional Republicans upped the ante with another half million. Yup, it's an election year.

**White House policy is one of the tiniest factors controlling drug use, and the little it can do — mainly education — requires years to take effect.**

This latest "war on drugs" represents a case study in political pandering. It starts with an apparently unrelated pander: Clinton's 1992 campaign promise to cut the White House staff by 25 percent. He had no evidence that the staff needed to be cut by a quarter — or at all — but the line was such a zinger in stump speeches, he felt he had to follow through. In office the president was shocked to discover that most of those good-for-nothing Beltway bureaucrats were necessary, after all. So he cut the ONDCP staff from 146 to 25 (the rest of the 25 percent cut came from contracting work out) and elevated the drug czar to Cabinet level, to show he was tough on drugs.

## TOUGH

So far, so good. The first drug czar was Bill Bennett in 1988, who conceived of the position (as he conceives of most things) as a largely rhetorical exercise. Many of the fired Bush staffers were political appointees in the Bennett mold, such as former Notre Dame basketball coach Digger Phelps, who at Dan Quayle's insistence was paid six figures to fulminate. Clinton then appointed as drug czar Lee Brown, a successful black police chief. Brown, a career cop, had neither the talent for

rhetorical uplift nor the staff resources for serious law enforcement. So Clinton's main contribution was to change the office from a large collection of Republican cronies delivering inspirational speeches into a small collection of Democratic cronies delivering uninspirational speeches.

## ABANDONMENT

As a result, Republicans have accused him of abandoning the war on drugs. "He's reduced money for interdiction; he's reduced funds for drug enforcement," charged Bob Dole, who in the same speech offered a free lunch to anyone who "can name one thing that President Clinton has done to reduce the size of government." And what has Dole done to fight drugs? Well, the GOP Congress has cut funding for drug education by 15 percent. Drug education is big government. Drug enforcement isn't.

Now Clinton has reversed his drug policy. That is to say, his need to appear tough on drugs currently supersedes his need to cut the White House staff by 25 percent. He's all set for the campaign. Whenever somebody asks him about drugs, he can make two points: he's hired a general, and he's given him lots of money. Dole can't possibly outflank him; the military currently has no rank higher than general, and Clinton will match any bid to give him more funding.

## DRUG CZAR

This being an election year, it's hard to expect national drug policy to be much more than a pander-a-thon. But maybe, after November, we can seriously re-think the drug czar position. Right now the position has two main administrative responsibilities. One is impossible, the other pointless. The impossible job is to coordinate the anti-drug efforts of the thousands of federal, state and local agencies that play a role. (The ONDCP itself spends less than 0.1 percent of the national anti-drug budget.) None of these agencies have separate drug budgets, so ONDCP can't do anything about what they spend or how they spend it. The Customs Department, for example, looks for all kinds of contraband and bad guys. How much does it "spend" looking for drugs? Who knows? About the most the drug czar has been able to

do is prod these agencies to cook their books to show that they're spending more to fight drugs.

**That leaves just one role for the drug czar: leading public opinion against drugs. Maybe McCaffrey is cut out for this duty. But giving him more money won't make the speeches better.**

The pointless job is to prepare annual statistics on domestic drug use as a gauge of the president's effectiveness in fighting drugs. White House policy is one of the tiniest factors controlling drug use, and the little it can do — mainly education — requires years to take effect. Judging the president's drug policies by this year's drug statistics is like judging his environmental record by this year's global warming.

That leaves just one role for the drug czar: leading public opinion against drugs. Maybe McCaffrey is cut out for this duty. But giving him more money won't make the speeches better.

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## Cheney is a likely choice for Dole V.P.

Former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney is rising to a place high on the list of Republican vice presidential prospects kept by Sen. Bob Dole's closest campaign strategists. Cheney, now CEO of the Dallas-based Halliburton energy company, has kept away from politics since dropping out as a Republican presidential prospect in January, 1995. He is not much of a campaigner but is well thought of both among Republican regulars and corporate leaders and is regarded as a choice for running mate who would do no harm.

A footnote: Friends of Sen. Pete Domenici, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, have been told by Dole operatives that his name has been added to the ever-growing v.p. list.

### REPUBLICANS AND RON BROWN

Democrats grumbled and even some Republican insiders complained that no top-drawer Republican attended the Washington funeral of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, held while Congress was in recess and the nation's capital was empty of politicians.

GOP National Chairman Haley Barbour issued a statement of condolence after Brown's death and protested bitterly when it was said on NBC's "Today" program that no Republican had publicly noted the tragedy. But Barbour was not at the funeral.

Well-placed GOP insiders say privately that Barbour should have been present. Brown, then Democratic national chairman, attended the 1991 funeral of former Republican National Chairman Lee Atwater.

### RON BROWN'S ROLE

An ethics investigation by an independent counsel had barred Brown from becoming chairman of Bill Clinton's re-election campaign, but he was a key participant in the president's weekly political planning sessions whenever he was in Washington.

In his 1992 role as Democratic national chairman, Brown was not an integral part of the Clinton campaign, as some of his obituaries have indicated. But over the last three years, he had grown much closer to the president and had become one of his most valued political advisers.

A footnote: Eli Siegel, the veteran Democratic political operative who heads Ameri-Corps and played a prominent role in the 1992 Clinton effort, is no longer considered likely as either campaign chairman or campaign manager this year. So far, he has not been attending the White House meetings.

### GOP INCUMBENTS

In New York, conservative former Rep. Joe DiGuardi is disregarding Gingrich's pleas and running against freshman Rep. Sue Kelly, one of the handful of House Republicans to vote against the bill banning partial-birth abortions. In New Hampshire, nationally known conservative activist Mike Hammond is challenging freshman Rep. Charles Bass, who has one of the most liberal voting records among House Republicans. In the 1994 primary, Bass defeated Hammond (who went on to lead Pat Buchanan's presidential campaign in New Hampshire).

Gingrich made a personal appearance in Texas for ex-Democrat Laughlin. But former Rep. Ron Paul, who once was the Libertarian Party's candidate for president, won anyway. The Republican congressional campaign committee's phone-bank attacks on Laughlin's primary election foes angered local Republicans and may have contributed to Laughlin's defeat.

### STROM IN TROUBLE?

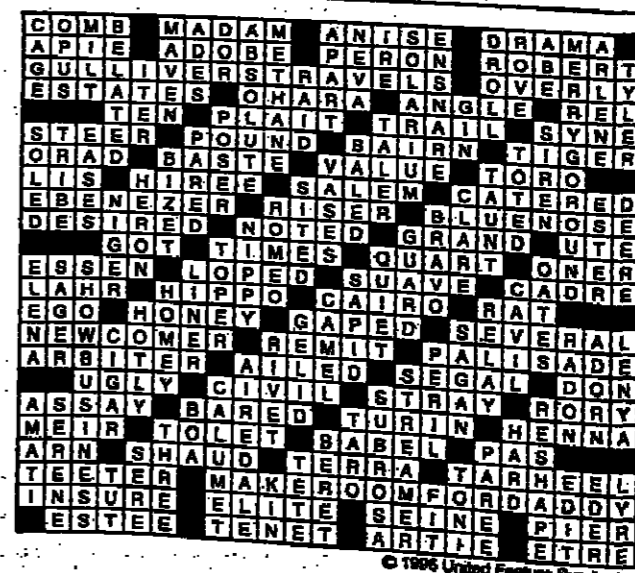
Although Sen. Strom Thurmond's own polls show him 33 percentage points ahead in South Carolina for an eighth Senate term, Washington-based Republican political operatives worry that this is the race that could defeat the 93-year-old chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The fear in GOP circles is that Thurmond, the oldest man ever to serve in Congress, cannot withstand the wear and tear of what promises to be the most serious campaign the Democrats ever have waged against him. A Mason-Dixon poll taken Feb. 25-27 showed Thurmond with a 53 percent favorable rating and only 50 percent of the vote against his Democratic foe, millionaire textile heir Elliott Close.

Thurmond was saved from a difficult primary battle when South Carolina Republican leaders talked Secretary of State Jim Miles out of running against him. The Mason-Dixon poll had showed Thurmond with only 52 percent in a GOP primary against Miles.

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# The rabbi and the Holy Roman Empire

HERE AND THEN  
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SOME 500 years ago, Josel of Rosheim, citing "the natural right to live" and the "Christian precept of charity," requested that kings, townspeople and peasants allow Jews to reside and trade in the German empire. In his *Chronicles*, written in Hebrew, he recorded examples of the persecution against which he struggled. Dr. Chava Fraenkel-Goldschmidt published and annotated the facsimile of his manuscript, as preserved in the Bodleian Library in Oxford, in a 420-page volume, recently published by the Magnes Press of the Hebrew University.

Rabbi Josef — or Josel as he was known to his contemporaries — was born around 1478 in Hagenau, in Rosheim, near Strasbourg. On his mother's side he was a descendant of Rashi. His father was related to Jacobus Loane, a physician of emperor Frederick III. Josel apparently inherited his father's money business, but didn't have much time to attend to it — it was managed by his wife. Josel devoted all his energies to countering the authorities' unending attempts to ban the Jews or restrict their business possibilities.

His official title was *Befehlshaber der Gemeinden Judenschaft in Heiligen Romischen Reich Deutscher Nation* — Commander of the Jewish community in the Holy Roman Empire, of the German nation. In fact he was a one-man institution representing the Jews to the authorities — a role, one suspects, that Nahum Goldmann aspired to fill in more recent times.

It wasn't easy living in 16th-century Europe. While the emperors never stopped warring, the towns tried their best to protect merchants. The peasants, unable to meet the heavy taxes imposed by the landowners, revolted. And then an Augustinian friar called Martin Luther caused an upheaval by questioning the pope's infallibility. As heads of the various states of the empire sided with the Protestants or remained loyal Catholics, local wars caused more instability. Jewish survival was more precarious than ever.

Early in his dissent Luther wrote a pamphlet in which he affirmed that "Jesus was born a Jew." But Jews were wrong in thinking

Luther advocated tolerance towards them. He advocated a humane attitude only in the hope that it would induce Jews to convert.

Some years later he wrote *On Jews and their Lies*, and incited the masses to burn synagogues. Josel asked to see him, in the hope that Luther would use his influence on the prince of Saxony to avert the impending ban on Jews; but Luther refused to meet Josel.

As Fraenkel-Goldschmidt points out, Christian attitude to Jews crossed denominational lines. The Catholic Johannes Eck was vehemently antisemitic, whereas the Protestant Andreas Osiander preached tolerance. Nor were all Protestant towns uncompromisingly hostile. Strasbourg, for one, admitted Jewish refugees from the Peasants' War. And Josel was successful in Strasbourg in preventing the reprint of Luther's antisemitic pamphlets.

THE WORST fate that could befall a Jew was being taken to a court of justice. Whatever the accusation, the defendant's denial was not trusted, for it was considered as coming from the devil. Persistence of denial under torture was a sure sign the devil was strong. And when the victim finally "confessed" to what he was supposed to have done, he was naturally punished by death on the stake. That was what happened to 38 Jews in Brandenburg in 1510.

Christian chroniclers noted with astonishment that the men met their death chanting prayers, and even smiling. They had been accused of involvement in the theft of a gilded bronze vessel from a church in a provincial town in Alsace, though a local smith finally confessed to the crime.

It was not only through his captivating personality that Josel of Rosheim obtained some privileges for the Jews. He was able to offer the emperor certain "advantages." The Jews, who were considered the emperor's "property," paid much higher taxes than those imposed on Christian subjects. And they could raise money, so needed by warring factions.

Indeed kings and princes would succumb to pressure to ban the Jews only when they were assured of getting better terms from Christian merchants.

## Who is the Canadian literature professor in the sixth slot on Yisrael Ba'aliya's list? Sue Fishkoff finds out

YISRAEL Ba'aliya, the new political party headed by former Prisoner of Zion Natan Sharansky, is working hard to cast off its public image as a "Russian immigrant" party created solely to promote the interests of the massive recent immigration from the former Soviet Union.

But with "at least 90 percent" of its delegates being Russian-speaking immigrants, according to Sharansky, it's a hard image to kick.

That's why the party is so excited about Canadian immigrant Zvi (Henry) Weinberg, a former professor of French literature at Toronto University, and, since 1992, professor of French literature specializing in "literature and antisemitism" at Bar-Ilan University.

At Yisrael Ba'aliya's mid-March convention, Weinberg was elected to the sixth slot on the party's Knesset list. In that position, according to the latest polls, he stands a good chance of gaining a seat in the next Knesset. (Daniel Galai, an Argentinian immigrant and Yiddish expert, holds the party's No. 10 slot, but is not expected to make the

Knesset cut.)

Party head Sharansky says that Weinberg came in sixth "in free and open elections." After much debate, it was decided not to reserve seats on the party list for women or non-Russian immigrants.

"There was a very hot battle for this position," Sharansky notes. The struggle was even harder for Weinberg, as a non-native Russian speaker.

The local Russian-language press has been filled with speculation about Weinberg. One article suggested Weinberg had "serious financial ties to Canada." How else, the story went on, could he, less than three years in the country, have managed to get himself placed so high on the Yisrael Ba'aliya list?

"As if I bought my way in!" Weinberg says indignantly.

Weinberg is no stranger to the Russian-speaking Jewish world. He spent the past 25 years as an activist for the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, organizing rallies and promotional campaigns in Toronto for prominent *refuseniks*. In the 1980s he traveled to the Soviet Union to speak to Jewish groups and help bolster morale.

He speaks excellent Russian and was a big hit last month at the convention, when he addressed the 2,000 party delegates in their native language.

"I'm not someone who's just parachuted in," Weinberg notes. "I've worked for Sharansky's movement for years."

And Sharansky says that immigrants from the former Soviet Union "see that he understands the direct connection between the needs of this aliya [immigration] and the needs of Israeli society as a whole."

Weinberg sees his involvement



Zvi Weinberg: I haven't just parachuted in. (Brian Heidler)

with Yisrael Ba'aliya in terms of his own personal Zionist mission, a way for a new immigrant from the affluent West to aid the absorption of Russian newcomers: "I feel it's my moral duty to help those whom I encouraged to move to this country."

"Hundreds of thousands of [immigrants] are in trouble. Writers, engineers, thinkers, highly-trained brains are sweeping the streets, feeling unwanted and are regularly humiliated by stories in the Israeli press. The best way to help us is to cast a ballot for, or assist in any way you can, a party that will be our own voice in the Knesset."

Specifically because he's not Russian, Weinberg believes, he will be able to argue their case

more effectively with the Israeli public. He's as fluent in Hebrew as in Russian — they are just two of his nine languages.

According to fellow party delegate Galya (Goda) Rubin, "He's a Zionist and an idealist. We, too, are idealists. The ingathering of the Exiles is on our party platform. There are many in the establishment who no longer believe in that, but we do."

For his part, Weinberg notes that seven of the 10 top delegates on the party list have PhDs. "The level of intelligence at the Knesset is bound to jump," he promises.

ZVI WEINBERG was born in 1935 in Cracow, Poland, but grew up in Chicago. He received his PhD in French literature from the

University of Michigan, taught at the University of California, Irvine, and then moved to the University of Toronto, where he spent 20 years before immigrating to Israel in 1992.

Weinberg has researched and written much about fascism and antisemitism in literature. He is the author of *The Myth of the Jew in France: 1967-1982*, a book about antisemitism in France.

While at Irvine, he served as campus coordinator for Southern California in senator Bobby Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign. He says he supported Kennedy on Zionist grounds. "He was shot by a Palestinian because he promised to sell Israel Phantom F-4 jet fighters," he points out.

When Weinberg moved to Jerusalem in 1992, his involvement in the world of Russian Jewry switched from encouraging aliya to supporting absorption. He was among the founding fathers of Yisrael Ba'aliya last June, when he was named to what he smilingly refers to as the party's "central committee."

"Anyone who understands what's at stake in this country has to realize that next to our physical security, aliya and demography are the top national objectives," he states.

"The former Soviet Union remains the only realistic source of future aliya. Its continuation, however, depends on the successful absorption of those already here."

"Only a Russian party with clout can persuade the Israeli government, whether headed by Peres or Netanyahu, to start using some of the \$10 billion in loan guarantees for the purpose for which they were originally intended: immigrant absorption."

## 'Yes, sheep really are stupid'

KATHY Faber was nervous when she introduced llamas to her flock of sheep.

"I thought, boy, this is going to scare those sheep right through the fence," she recalled. "But nothing happened. The sheep kind of sniffed them and said, 'Eh, another sheep.'"

Which proved one thing right away. Sheep "really are stupid," Faber said.

"They couldn't survive on their own. When you read about them in the Bible, they always have shepherds. They can't do anything themselves."

Two years later, the llamas have proved

themselves as guards. Faber hasn't lost a single sheep to predators.

Dogs are still the guards of choice among sheep ranchers, but more and more are using llamas.

"Dogs aren't as easy to manage. They tend to roam, and people tend to shoot them," said Dan Morrill, a sheep specialist for the Iowa State University Extension Service.

"On the other hand, llamas eat what sheep eat, they bond with sheep, and they'll run off canines."

The extension service interviewed 145 llama-owning sheep ranchers across the

country and found that 85 percent recommended the South American animals. Only one percent were unhappy with the llamas. (About 5 percent of Iowa's 6,000 sheep producers use llamas as guards.)

Faber said her sheep, especially the lambs, were continually threatened before she got llamas to patrol her hilly and wooded 80-acre farm. The place is loaded with coyotes. "You can hear the pack howling. Oooh, they give you the creeps," she said.

Faber watched one day as a stray dog entered one of her pastures.

"The llamas took after him. Let me tell you, that dog was running with its tail

between its legs. I never saw it again. Usually, you see a dog once, you'll see it again," she said. "Not this dog."

Llamas are not predators themselves, but they present a problem for coyotes. "A coyote weighs 11 kilograms. You got that 135-kilogram llama!" Morrill said.

"They'll hold their ground. They'll spit, they'll paw. The coyote looks at that llama and says, 'Maybe not.'"

Not all llamas are suited for the job. The survey found cases in which the animals tried to mount the ewes. A few became over-protective, keeping the rancher along with the coyotes at bay. (AP)

## Spring is the time to deal with parasites

IF one thing is certain it is that spring does not linger here. From winter to hot summer days there is little time. So, if you haven't started your annual battle with ticks and fleas, this is the time.

If you have had a previous problem with ticks or fleas, you might want to spray various places in the garden, especially that favorite spot under the trees or shrubs where the dog or cat likes to rest. If fleas are a particular problem, apply Ovitrol for outdoor use. If ticks have been the problem, malathion or a carbamate preparation is in order. Be sure to treat the doghouse, the area around it and other places that are not exposed to direct sunlight, which dries flea eggs and keeps them from hatching.

In your house, if you have a flea problem, then spray carpets with Ovitrol for indoor use, wash the pet's bedding in hot water and hang in the sun or machine dry. Make sure that everything the pets rest on that can be aired in the sunlight gets this natural but effective treatment, particularly sofa cushions and other furnish-

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ings where flea larvae might develop.

As for your pets, now is the time to give them a good dusting with insecticide. If you have cats, make sure the flea powder you use is labeled as being safe for cats, which may not be able to tolerate those made for dogs. It's also time to put a new flea-and-tick collar on the animals once they've been dusted and you are sure they're clean.

Use insecticide powder all summer on animals that go outside, even if they wear flea-and-tick collars, which by themselves cannot prevent infestation.

Remember that it is cat fleas that cause the problems for both cats and dogs. If there's a place in the garden where stray, likely flea-infested cats like to loiter, dust or spray these areas regularly. The flea eggs fall from cats' coats and, given the right heat and moisture, flea larvae will hatch.

Preparations such as Ovitrol are

hormonal and kill pests by preventing the larvae from developing into adult fleas. They are non-toxic to humans and other animals.

Check your dog or cat for fleas at least once a week. You do not have to spot a flea to know they are there. In some dense pelts it is almost impossible to see the parasite itself, but you will see small reddish-brown "freckles" on the skin, especially the belly and ears. These dots are the excreted droplets of digested blood deposited by fleas.

If you still have a problem, consult your veterinarian. In some areas, fleas have become resistant to certain preparations, and he or she will know which ones work best in your area.

Keep ticks under control with dusting, spraying, collars and baths. They not only take a toll of an animal's general health, but may infect it with tick fever which can also affect humans. Most of all, be alert and consistent in pest control so you and your pet can enjoy a pleasant summer.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY 5756

#### Main Ceremonies and Events

**Reception for the Heads of the Education Establishment**  
Thursday, April 25

7:00 p.m. — In the presence of the President and the Minister of Education, Culture, and Sport, Caesarea Amphitheater

**EVE OF REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR THE FALLEN OF ISRAEL'S WARS**  
Monday, April 22

3:00 p.m. — Memorial service for Bedouin fallen, in the presence of the Minister of Internal Security, Hamovil Junction

8:00 p.m. — Siren for a minute's silence, marking the start of Remembrance Day, throughout the country

8:01 p.m. — Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars - opening ceremony, in the presence of the President, and the IDF Chief of Staff, Western Wall, Jerusalem

**REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR THE FALLEN OF ISRAEL'S WARS**  
Tuesday, April 23

11:00 a.m. — Siren for two minutes' silence

11:02 a.m. — Memorial services at military ceremonies, military sections of civil cemeteries, and memorial monuments, with the participation of families of the fallen, the President, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Knesset, Government Ministers, Knesset Members, and public personalities

11:02 a.m. — Memorial Gathering for the Fallen of the Illegal Immigration Movement, organized by the IDF and the Min. of Defense - Illegal Immigration Museum, Haifa

**EVE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
Tuesday, April 23

7:45 p.m. — Lighting of Beacons on Conclusion of Remembrance Day, and Proclamation of Independence Day, in the presence of the Knesset - Mt. Herzl Plaza, Jerusalem

8:45 p.m. — Address by the President - to be broadcast on TV

9:00 p.m. — Independence Day Celebrations, organized by local authorities throughout Israel

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
Wednesday, April 24

7:00 a.m. — Festive prayers at synagogues throughout the country

8:00 a.m.-midnight — Celebrations and Happenings, organized by local authorities - theme: Education and Industry. Dance processions, dancing and singing, theater performances, street performances, exhibitions, entertainment stages, festivals, sports competitions, and more.

9:30 a.m. — Reception for IDF Commanders, the President's Residence, Jerusalem

10:30 a.m. — Reception for Outstanding Soldiers, President's Residence, Jerusalem

11:00 a.m. — World Bible Quiz for Jewish Youth, in the presence of the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Knesset, the Minister of Education, Culture, and Sport, Jerusalem Theater

12:30 p.m. — Award of the "Teacher of Life", Prize to an outstanding teacher, broadcast live on Channel 2

5:00 p.m. — Reception for the Diplomatic Corps, President's Residence, Jerusalem

7:30 p.m. — Award of the Israel Prizes, in the presence of the President, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Knesset, the President of the Supreme Court, the Minister of Communications and the Arts, and the Mayor of Jerusalem, Jerusalem Theater

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# Heat, Kings clinch last playoff spots

MILWAUKEE (Reuters) — Alonzo Mourning scored 30 points to help the Miami Heat clinch the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference with a 106-100 victory Friday over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Tim Hardaway added 17 points for the Heat, who won the dubious honor of facing the Chicago Bulls in the first round of the playoffs.

"It feels great from the standpoint that this team inherited each other," said Miami coach Pat Riley. "We made some drastic changes on February 15, when we were six games below .500 and it seemed like we were down and out. Since then, we've been 19-10. We had a chance to lay claim to something very positive to-night and we accomplished that."

Glenn Robinson scored 28 points for Milwaukee, which beat Charlotte, Miami's main competition for the final spot, on Thursday.

Tyrell Grimes 95, Warriors 87  
Clifford Robinson scored 32 points to lead visiting Portland to victory over Golden State, eliminating them from the playoffs.

Latrell Sprewell scored 30 points for the Warriors, who needed a victory as well as a win over the Sacramento Kings to claim the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Hornets 115, Pacers 108  
Larry Johnson had 28 points and 18 rebounds as visiting Charlotte was eliminated from the playoff hunt, despite defeating New York.

Dell Curry added 22 points for the Hornets, who needed Miami to lose to Milwaukee and finish in a three-way tie with Miami and Washington in order to make the playoffs.

Patrick Ewing recorded his first career triple-double with 28 points, 15 rebounds and 11 assists for the Knicks, who fell out of a tie with the Cleveland Cavaliers and into fifth place in the Eastern Conference.

SuperSonics 94, Timberwolves 86  
Seattle set a franchise mark with their 64th win as Hershey Hawkins scored 23 points to boost the hosts to a victory over Minnesota, their 22nd consecutive win over the T-Wolves.

Schrempf scored 16 points and Shawn Kemp added 13 points and 11 rebounds for Seattle.

THURSDAY'S ACTION  
Bulls 110, Pistons 79

Michael Jordan scored 20 points before sitting out the last quarter as host Chicago showed no letdown following their NBA record 70th win by stomping visiting Detroit.

Tom Iles and Randy Brown had 16 points apiece for the Bulls, who moved within one win of matching the mark for home wins in a season set by Boston (40) in 1985-86.

Magic 119, Hawks 104  
Dennis Scott made his NBA record 11 three-pointers and finished with 35 points as host Orlando beat Atlanta. Scott bettered the mark of 10, held by teammate Brian Shaw, then with the Miami Heat. Detroit Pistons guard Joe Dumars and Dallas Mavericks forward George McCloud.



GOLDEN OLDIES — New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing gets a pass off as he is defended by Charlotte Hornets center Robert Parish at Madison Square Garden on Friday. (Reuters)

**FRIDAY'S RESULTS:**  
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Boston 112, New Jersey 106  
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## Animal lovers to Detroit fans: No octopi on ice

DETROIT (AP) — Octopi are flying off fish-market shelves because the Detroit Red Wings again are in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

It's a tradition in Detroit, dating back to 1952, when the first of the eight-armed creatures was tossed at now defunct Olympia Stadium — each arm representing the number of victories needed to win the Stanley Cup.

That now requires 16 wins. Not everyone admires the tradition, least of all animal-rights activists.

"Just because they don't scream and just because they're not cute and cuddly doesn't mean they don't hurt when you kill them," said Michael McGraw, a spokesman for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) based in Rockville, Maryland.

"What's next — throwing dead kittens and dead puppies on the ice just for laughs?" he asked angrily.

## Hundreds say goodbye to Rod Carew's daughter

SANTA ANA, California (AP) — Friends and family said goodbye to Michelle Carew, daughter of Hall of Famer Rod Carew, at an emotional memorial service.

Rod Carew told mourners Friday at Temple Beth Shalom that his 18-year-old daughter taught him how to be a real hero during her seven-month battle with leukemia.

"When Michelle was told she had leukemia, the only thing she asked the doctor is 'Do I have a chance?' The doctor said yes and she said that's all I need to know," Carew said. "She didn't cry, she didn't complain, she accepted it like it was no big deal. She kept us all marveling at her strength."

Michelle died Wednesday. Her father, who played 19 years with the Minnesota Twins and California Angels, had organized a longshot drive to find a donor with compatible bone marrow.

Carew, who has been on leave as Angels hitting coach, said the team had been his "second family."

Mourners included Angels owner Gene Autry and players past and present — including Reggie Jackson, Bobby Grich, Lee Smith and Chuck Finley.

Speaker after speaker remembered Michelle's smile.

## McEnroe scolds top US players for Davis Cup apathy

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Former tennis star John McEnroe, the greatest player in US Davis Cup history, gave a tongue lashing to the nation's top players for their recent apathy to the international competition.

"For the life of me, I don't understand why players wouldn't want to do it," said McEnroe in a telephone news conference.

For all his outrageous behavior and temperamental on-court outbursts, McEnroe was always a dedicated Davis Cup participant throughout his brilliant career and still holds several US Cup records, including most wins (59), most matches played (69) and most years (12) on the team.

"It's the same old, same old that we have been hearing for years," said McEnroe of excuses for passing up the competition. "Scheduling is a problem and makes it diffi-

## Caps win in Pittsburgh again

PITTSBURGH (Reuters) — The Washington Capitals head home with a commanding 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference first-round playoffs after rallying for a 5-3 road win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Friday.

Peter Bondra's power-play goal with 8:17 left broke a tie and Pat Peak scored his first two career playoff goals for the Capitals, who overcame an early deficit for the second straight game and killed off a four-minute Pittsburgh power play late in the third period.

The Capitals, playing without seven injured regulars, host the next three games, if necessary — tomorrow, Wednesday and, unless they sweep the first four games, Friday.

Caps goalie Olaf Kolzig made 33 saves in his first career playoff start after replacing Jim Carey early in the second period of Game 1 with Washington trailing 4-1.

Pittsburgh, second seed in the East, had never dropped the first two games of a playoff series at home, while the Capitals had never won the first two games on the road.

In 1992, the Penguins lost the first two games of their opening-round series at Washington before rallying to win in seven games.

Red Wings 4, Jets 0  
Doug Brown, Paul Coffey and Igor Larionov each had a goal and an as-

sist and Chris Osgood had to stop just 16 shots for his second career playoff shutout as host Detroit cruised to victory over Winnipeg to go up 2-0 in their series.

The series shifts to Winnipeg for Game 3 today and Game 4 Tuesday. Coffey got his 55th career playoff goal, one short of Denis Potvin's record for defencemen. Coffey's assist later in the game was the 120th of his playoff career, matching current New York Ranger Jari Kurri for third place all-time.

Brown's goal marked just the third time in Red Wings history that they got two short-handed in one playoff game.

Blackhawks 3, Flames 0  
Ed Belfour stopped 32 shots for his third career playoff shutout and Jeff Sauer scored a goal and set up another as host Chicago blanked the Calgary Flames to go up 2-0 in their series.

The series, in which Chicago has outscored Calgary 7-1, moves to Calgary for Game 3 today and Game 4 Tuesday.

Chicago defenceman Gary Suter scored his first goal of the post-season with 1:51 left in the opening period. Chicago extended its lead to 2-0 on Jeremy Roonick's goal with 6:10 left in the second period.

Rick Tabacco had 29 saves for the Flames, who have lost five straight post-season series since winning the Stanley Cup in 1989. Trevor Kidd started Game 1 in goal for Calgary.

THURSDAY'S ACTION  
Lightning 2, Flyers 1  
Brian Belfour scored at 9:05 of overtime as visiting Tampa Bay rebounded from a lopsided loss to stun Philadelphia and even their series at one game apiece.

## Keyshawn Johnson top pick in NFL draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Keyshawn Johnson, the big-play wide receiver from Southern California, was taken by the New York Jets with the first pick in yesterday's NFL draft.

Johnson, an All-America passer, often compared with Michael Irvin because of his size (6-foot-3, 220) and leaping ability, should provide a boost to the NFL's worst offense.

The Jets, selecting first overall for the first time in their history, used 34 seconds to make Johnson their pick.

The crowd at the Paramount Theater, filled with fans clad in Jets green, cheered his name before the selection.

Fans let out a loud cheer when Johnson took the stage carrying a Jets jersey with No. 1 on it.

The Jacksonville Jaguars picked next and went for All-America linebacker Kevin Hardy of Illinois.

Jacksonville used all but 20 seconds of the 15 minutes allotted to make its selection.

Arizona then picked another Illinois player, Simeon Rice, who

was a linebacker in college but is projected as a defensive end.

The Cardinals had expressed an interest in Nebraska running back Lawrence Phillips and UCLA tackle Jonathan Ogden, but went for defense rather than offense — most likely because they are seeking to trade defensive tackle Eric Swann.

With Hardy going second and his Illinois teammate third, it was the highest that defensive teammates have gone in the draft since 1967.

In 1991, defensive back Bruce Pickens and linebacker Mike Croel of Nebraska were taken third and fourth overall.

And in 1974, defensive end Ed "Too Tall" Jones was the top choice out of Tennessee State, while LB Raymond Bryant was the fourth pick.

Ogden, considered the best blocker to come out of the draft in years, was chosen by the Baltimore Ravens, formerly the Cleveland Browns.

Ogden's selection was greeted with a strong negative reaction by the New York Giants fans in the

crowd, because the Giants had the next pick and were interested in the 6-8, 320-pounder.

The Giants, making a defensive selection in the opening round for the first time in 10 years, ended up taking defensive end Cedric Jones of Oklahoma.

Jones was rated anywhere from fourth to sixth among defensive linemen.

That pick drew little reaction from the Giants fans in the crowd.

That left the Rams their choice of running backs. Earlier this month, St. Louis traded up to No. 6, sending Washington its best defensive lineman, Sean Gilbert.

The idea was to get a runner, because the Rams have scored on Jerome Bettis.

The Rams chose Phillips, whose stock soared during workouts and interviews after his troubled season.

Phillips was snubbed by Nebraska after pleading no-contest to assaulting a former girlfriend, then was reinstated and starred in the Fiesta Bowl, where the Cou-

son's power play goal in the first period. Alexander Selivanov tied it at 4:02 of the third.

In the overtime, Tampa Bay had just killed off a penalty on defenceman David Shaw when the Lightning's Chris Gratton intercepted a Kevin Hatcher clearing pass in the neutral zone.

Gratton slid the puck to Bellows, who beat goaltender Ron Hextrall with a wrist shot to the stick side.

Cavaliers 5, Rangers 3  
Vincent Damphousse scored his second goal of the game and fourth of the series with 3:26 left in the third period as visiting Montreal pulled out a victory over New York.

Montreal squandered a three-goal lead and New York tied it on third-period goals by Sergio Messoso and Ulf Samuelsson.

But Mark Recchi led a 3-on-2 Montreal break just over four minutes after Samuelsson's goal. He carried down the left wing, warded off Rangers defenceman Bruce Driver and captured the puck to Damphousse just before he reached the net.

Damphousse swooped in and wristed the puck past goaltender Mike Richter for his second game-winner in as many contests.

Mats Sundin scored into an empty net with six seconds left to seal the victory against the Rangers, who were 0-6-9 on the power play and surrendered two short-handed goals.

New York has one win in their last 21 games in Montreal.

Maple Leafs 5, Blues 4  
Mats Sundin's power-play goal 4:02 into overtime lifted hosts Toronto to victory over St. Louis, evening their series at 1-1.

St. Louis was whiffed for a too many men on the ice penalty 2:52 into overtime, giving Toronto a much-needed advantage for the next two minutes.

Doug Gilmour's centering pass from behind the goal camouflaged the

hitters won the national title. Patriots coach Bill Parcells, going against form, selected Ohio State receiver Terry Glenn with the seventh pick.

1. New York Jets, Keyshawn Johnson, WR  
2. Jacksonville, Kevin Hardy, LB  
3. Arizona, Simeon Rice, LB  
4. Baltimore, Jonathan Ogden, T  
5. New York Giants, Cedric Jones, DE  
6. St. Louis Rams, Sean Gilbert, LB  
7. New England, Terry Glenn, WR  
8. Carolina, Th. Fantawaite, RB  
9. Oakland (from Houston), Ricky Dierker, RB  
10. Cincinnati, Willie Anderson, T  
11. New Orleans, Alex Motley, DE  
12. Tampa Bay, Eugene Upshaw, DE  
13. Chicago (from St. Louis), Walt Harris, RB  
14. Houston (from Seattle), Eddie George, RB  
15. Denver, John Mabry, RB  
16. Minnesota, Duane Clemons, DE  
17. Detroit (from Oakland through Houston and Seattle), Reggie Brown, RB  
18. Tennessee, Keith Smith, RB  
19. San Diego, Tomlinson, RB  
20. Minnesota, Duane Clemons, DE  
21. Dallas, Daryl Gardner, DE  
22. Baylor, ...

## Rangers score 26 runs against O's

ARLINGTON, Texas (Reuters) — The Texas Rangers scored 16 runs in an eighth-inning scoring spree Friday on their way to a 26-7 demolition of the formerly high-flying Baltimore Orioles.

Kevin Elster crowned the 16-run eighth with a grand slam, Juan Gonzalez drove in six runs and Dean Palmer homered twice and drove in five runs to headline the hit parade.

The 16 runs Texas scored in the eighth were one short of the 20th century major-league record, set by the Boston Red Sox against the Detroit Tigers on June 18, 1953.

The 26 runs were three short of the American League record set by the Chicago White Sox against Kansas City Athletics in 1955.

The four-hour, 15-minute game finished one minute short of the league record and three minutes shy of the major-league record for a nine-inning contest.

It got so bad for the Orioles that Baltimore manager called on infielder Manny Alexander to pitch. Alexander allowed five runs on one hit and four walks in the eighth. He walked in four runs and served up Elster's grand slam to left.

The eighth inning included 19 batters, eight walks, two homers and five singles and took 54 minutes to play.

Twins 7, Yankees 1  
Paul Molitor drove in four runs and Frank Rodriguez picked up his second win as host Minnesota beat New York in another poor outing for Dwight Gooden.

Molitor had an RBI-single in the first, a two-run single in the fourth and an RBI fielder's choice in the eighth.

Gooden (0-3), the one-time Mets ace who is making a comeback from a drug violation, was hit hard for the third straight start. He went three-plus innings, allowing six runs and six hits in 13 1/3 innings this season. Gooden has been rocked for 17 runs and 20 hits (11.48 ERA).

Rodriguez (2-1) scattered eight hits for the win.

Indiana 9, Red Sox 4  
Albert Belle homered and drove in three runs as Cleveland continued its early-season mastery of visiting Boston.

The Indians, winners of six of the last seven games, have won all five meetings with Boston this season by a combined score of 41-13.

Dennis Martinez (3-1) earned the victory.

Mo Vaughn and Mike Stanley homered for Boston, who have the worst record in the majors at 3-13. Loner Tom Gordon (1-2) was tagged for seven runs and 10 hits in five-plus innings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Brewer 7, Padres 1  
John Smoltz threw a three-hitter to lead host Atlanta past San Diego, continuing the mastery of the Padres that saw him pitch a near no-bitter last week.

Smoltz (3-1) no-hit 23 straight batters. Marc Newfield doubled in the second and Smoltz didn't allow another hit until Joey Roddy's single in the ninth. Only a walk to Wally Joyner in the fourth interrupted the streak.

Ken Caminiti had the other hit for San Diego.

Cubs 10, Giants 6  
Ryne Sandberg hit two homers and

Brian McRae had four hits, including his third career grand slam, as host Chicago hit six home runs to beat San Francisco.

Sandberg, coming back after a 22-game reinjury, belted two homers in a game for the 21st time in his career.

In the sixth, McRae's slam, Sandberg's second homer of the game and Mark Grace's first of 1996 gave Chicago its first back-to-back-to-back homers since September 1993.

Cardinals 1, Phillies 0  
Royce Clayton's double in the top of the ninth plated John Mabry with the game's only run and six pitchers combined on a shutout, matching a NL record, to lift visiting St. Louis past Philadelphia.

The Cardinals became the fourth NL team to have six pitchers combine on a shutout.

## THURSDAY'S ACTION

Phillies 9, Expos 8  
Todd Zile smashed a three-run homer with one-out in the ninth to cap a four-run rally that lifted Philadelphia to comeback victory over host Montreal.

The blast was Zile's second home run of the game and made a loser out of reliever Mel Rojas (3-1).

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:  
Detroit 10, Baltimore 7  
Milwaukee 3, Kansas City 2  
Minnesota 7, New York 1  
California 4, Detroit 3  
Texas 25, St. Louis 4  
Toronto 10, Seattle 4  
Chicago 4, Oakland 3

THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:  
Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 2  
Chicago 7, San Francisco 6  
Philadelphia 3, Montreal 0  
Florida 3, Atlanta 3

FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:  
Chicago 16, San Francisco 6  
Florida 5, Los Angeles 0  
Atlanta 7, San Diego 1  
Montreal 2, Pittsburgh 1  
St. Louis 1, Philadelphia 0  
Colorado 5, New York 3  
Houston 15, Cincinnati 5

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AMERICAN LEAGUE  
East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Baltimore	11	4	.733	0
New York	7	7	.500	4
Detroit	8	10	.444	5.5
Toronto	7	9	.438	4.5
Boston	3	18	.168	8.5

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	8	6	.571	0
Milwaukee	8	8	.500	0
Minnesota	8	9	.471	1
Chicago	7	8	.469	1.5
Kansas City	5	11	.313	4

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Texas	11	4	.733	0
Seattle	12	5	.708	0
California	8	8	.500	2.5
Oakland	6	9	.400	5

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Montreal	8	7	.538	0
Atlanta	7	7	.500	0
Philadelphia	7	7	.500	0
Florida	6	11	.353	4.5
New York	4	10	.286	8

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Chicago	10	8	.556	0
St. Louis	10	7	.588	0
Cincinnati	7	8	.467	3
Houston	8	8	.500	2
Pittsburgh	8	8	.500	2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Diego	10	6	.625	0
San Francisco	8	8	.500	2
Los Angeles	8	9	.471	2.5
Colorado	7	8	.468	2.5



Maccabi TA builds 5-point cushion at top

Defending champs defeat Maccabi Haifa, as Betar Jerusalem leaps into second place

LEAGUE leaders and defending champions Maccabi Tel Aviv took a major step toward retaining their title yesterday evening...

The victory put the Tel Avivians five points clear at the top, and with just 12 points left to play for in the remaining four matches...

Haifa's defeat, its first at Kiryat Eliezer this season, dropped them into third place, as Betar Jerusalem scored a 2-0 away win over Ironi Rishon...

The relegation picture is slightly clearer, as the bottom two sides - Maccabi Jaffa and Betar Tel Aviv - both lost.

Given the number of points still on offer, any one of the bottom seven could still take the drop, although at this stage Jaffa and Betar look the most likely to do so.

The top two sides in the Second

Division also clashed this weekend, as second-place Hapoel Jerusalem handed leaders Hapoel Taiba a crushing 4-1 defeat at Teddy Stadium on Friday.

Mac. Haifa 1, Mac. Tel Aviv 3. The men in green and white had every reason to look forward to a day full of promise as a packed crowd of 15,000 at Kiryat Eliezer...

Things began well, as Haifa controlled the midfield and managed to put together several good moves, which culminated in shots which tested Obarov in the Tel Aviv goal.

The breakthrough finally came five minutes before the break, when Moshe Gm slammed a shot at goal which took a deflection off Ronny Levy's head and gave Obarov and the Tel Aviv defense no chance.

The situation arose following a Haifa corner which Maccabi failed to clear properly, with the ball falling comfortably for Gm.

The intense pressure which Haifa put on the league leaders obviously had an effect on their performance in the second half.

They started off much as they had ended the first half. But once Maccabi managed to equalize, when Eli Driks slotted home a pass from a perfect through ball from Noam Shoham in the 53rd minute, the complexion of the game changed entirely.

The hosts' midfield collapsed completely and no good balls were going through to Revivo and Ofer Shitrit on

front. The visitors turned their qualitative advantage into a quantitative one in the 62nd minute, when, again, Driks ran through on the right. His shot was parried by Haifa's reserve keeper Nir Davidovich, but Nir Klingler was on hand to roll the ball into the goal from eight meters out.

Haifa was by now really feeling the pressure, but Obarov was at his supreme best. He had a bit of luck too, however, when a spectacular Revivo flying volley from 18 meters hit the crossbar.

There were a few more shots at goal by Haifa, but most were wild ones which were well clear of the target. Zafirim Holon 2, Betar Tel Aviv 0. The Holons came off best in this relegation clash between the 14th- and 15th-placed sides.

Betar's situation was made even more precarious when Moshe Eisenberg received a red card in the 26th minute, giving the Holons the numerical advantage.

Ran Haffif was responsible for breaking the stalemate in the 53rd minute, and Dennis Essene - the man of the match - added another 14 minutes later to give the Holons three points worth their weight in gold at this stage of the season.

Hapoel Beersheba 4, Hapoel Kfar Sava 0. This fine performance by the Neggev side finally halts a torridous spell which has seen the team plunge straight down the table into the depths of the relegation zone.

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Amir Avigdor increased Kfar Sava's woes on the stroke of half time

DEREK FATTAL and OFI LEWIS to tighten the noose more firmly round what seems to be a group of condemned men.

Jaffa's frustration boiled over when goalkeeper Golan Malul was involved in an late altercation with a Petah Tikva player, and was fortunate not to have been dismissed.

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with Beersheba's third goal. The fourth and final goal was chalked up seven minutes into the second half by Oren Sagion to send the majority of the 3,000 crowd home in a buoyant mood.

Hapoel Petah Tikva 1, Hapoel Beit She'an 1. Beit She'an coach Michael Kadosh can sleep a little easier after this draw, which puts his side four points clear of the first relegation berth.

Avi Fletcher opened for the Petah Tikvians in the 40th minute, with some assistance from Beit She'an goalkeeper Meir Cohen - who let the ball slip in through his hands.

Tibor Szalai came to the rescue, leveling from the penalty spot with 15 minutes left to play after Petah Tikva defender Walid Badir fouled Nasim Agbaria in the area.

Ironi Ashdod 0, Betar Jerusalem 2. Betar crept into second place with this useful performance that leaves the capital outfit five points behind the leaders.

With Maccabi Tel Aviv still to be entertained at Teddy Stadium before the season's end, the Jerusalemites can still harbor the notions of having their name inscribed on the title trophy.

Hapoel Tel Aviv 3, Bnei Yehuda 0. A well-aimed pass by Kasmisz Moskai to Nissan Avilan got Hapoel off to a flying start in its second derby in two weeks.

Hapoel ended on a forceful note, with two substitutes - Yossi Medar and Sagiv Eliyahu - both getting the

better of Benny Ginsburg between the visitors' posts.

Maccabi Be'er Sheva 2, Hapoel Haifa 2. This match proved to be a thriller for the fans, and the storyline could have been much higher.

Zaevren Alar put the Haifailes in the lead in the 50th minute, only for Herzliya's Alex Barnecher to hit back within 60 seconds.

The pace was fast and chances were created at both ends of the field amid some stirring play.

Oleg Neduda put the home side ahead in the 35th minute, but Ofer Tulker headed in Haifa's deserved equalizer late in the second half.

SECOND DIVISION

Hapoel Beersheba 0, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0. Hapoel Beersheba 0, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0. Hapoel Beersheba 0, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0.

After 25 rounds: Hapoel Beersheba 0, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0. Hapoel Beersheba 0, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0.

After 26 rounds: Hapoel Beersheba 0, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0. Hapoel Beersheba 0, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE table with columns for team name, points, and other statistics.

Table with columns for team name and various statistics, possibly related to the National League.

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Glasgow downs Motherwell 3-1. GLASGOW (Reuter) - Danc Erik Bo Andersen struck his sixth goal in only his fifth appearance for Rangers as the Glasgow team strode toward its eighth successive Scottish Premier Division championship yesterday.

Meanwhile, there were no games scheduled in the English Premier League yesterday, although there was action in the lower divisions.

Rangers won 3-1 at Motherwell, and are four points clear of arch-rivals Celtic with only two matches left.

Goals from Stuart McCall and Andersen thrust Rangers to a 2-0 halftime lead over Motherwell before England midfielder Paul Gascoigne scored his 16th goal of the season.

Celtic kept their title hopes alive by trouncing Falkirk 4-0, with in-form German Andreas Thom playing a key role.

Portuguese Jorge Cadete, sent on as a 68th minute substitute for

Glasgow downs Motherwell 3-1

Thom, scored with a precise lob after 86 minutes, then gave Simon Donnelly a delightful return pass to complete the rout in injury time.

Table with columns for team name and various statistics, likely related to the Glasgow Motherwell match.

DIVISION THREE: Dundee 0, Plymouth 1; Doncaster 1, Barnet 1; Exeter 2, Colchester 2; Fulham 1, Wigan 0; Hartlepool 3, Lincoln 0; Leyton Orient 0, Preston 2; Mansfield 1, Hereford 2; Northampton 1, Gillingham 1; Rochdale 1, Scunthorpe 1; Exeter 2, Colchester 2; Fulham 1, Wigan 0; Hartlepool 3, Lincoln 0; Leyton Orient 0, Preston 2; Mansfield 1, Hereford 2; Northampton 1, Gillingham 1; Rochdale 1, Scunthorpe 1.

Table with columns for team name and various statistics, likely related to the Scottish Premier League.

SCOTTISH PREMIER: Aberdeen 1, Hearts 1; Celtic 4, Falkirk 0; Hibernian 1, Raith 1; Kilmarnock 2, Partick 1; Motherwell 1, Rangers 3.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

National softball team takes on Zionsours tonight. The Israel National Softball team faces Zionsours tonight at Kibbutz Gezer in preparation for the World Softball Championships at Midland, Michigan in July.

State Cup champions Zionsours is one of the all-time premier teams in the country and is playing excellent softball, leading the league with a 6-0 record. Game time is 9 p.m.



KENYA'S Philemon Kipkering crosses the finish line of the Tel Aviv half-marathon with a record time of 1:02.23 on Friday.

Kenyan posts record time in win at Tel Aviv half-marathon

The first Israeli home was Wadash Zevdha, a new immigrant from Ethiopia, who finished sixth overall in 1:04.51.

Rahamim Gasha, also an Ethiopian immigrant, finished seventh in 1:09.55. Last year's winner among the women, Felisa Barocsi from Hungary, finished first again this year in 1:16.01 but could not improve on her own course record of 1:13.06. She received \$750.

Behind her was Ludmila Petrova from Russia, whose time was 1:17.46. Israeli Ella Krimus finished third in a time of 1:20.40. Some 2,000 runners competed in the half-marathon, which was organized by Hapoel and the Tel Aviv Municipality.

The Kenyan runner had a 100-meter lead over his nearest rival for most of the race, and only after the 18th kilometer mark did Said manage to close in on him. Patrick Ndayisenga from Burundi came third in a time of

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Dynamo Kiev settles for part rehabilitation

KIEV (Reuter) - Dynamo Kiev has secured the right to compete in European competitions again, but have won only partial rehabilitation from UEFA on bribery allegations, the Ukraine club's officials said yesterday.

Returning from a UEFA meeting in Geneva, the officials said a three-year ban for an alleged attempt to bribe a referee had been lifted by European soccer's governing body. They rejected suggestions the move was made as a gesture to Ukrainian sport.

"All disciplinary sanctions have been lifted," Dynamo president Grigory Surkis told reporters at Kiev airport. Any suggestion that the decision was conditional was "conjecture", he said. But Viktor Medvedchuk, the club's top lawyer, told a subsequent news conference that officials had decided not to press for full rehabilitation.

That, he said, was pointless as it would have involved UEFA returning large sums of money to Dynamo imposed as fines.

"We are entirely innocent. But had we pressed for full rehabilitation, we would have created a situation in which UEFA would have had to return fines of Sfr3.2 million and other losses worth tens of millions more," he said.

"We saw there was no future in such tactics. The main thing for us was for Dynamo to take part in European cups." Medvedchuk said an investigation by Ukrainian public prosecutors into the alleged bribe had been completed and would prove that club officials were innocent.

UEFA lifted the suspension on Friday, its secretary Gerhard Aigner saying the decision had been taken "simply because of the desperate situation in that country and to give football a chance to develop. It was purely for that reason alone".

Dynamo were banned by UEFA last year over an alleged attempt to bribe the referee at a Champions' League match against the Greek side Panathinaikos. Kiev won the game 1-0, but UEFA annulled the result and replaced Dynamo with Danish champions Aalborg. Two Dynamo officials were barred from UEFA-related activities for life.

Dynamo officials maintained that the Spanish referee had first asked the club to help him get fur coats and hats for match officials but changed his mind when presented with a bill for \$30,000.

Dynamo Kiev enjoys a huge following throughout Ukraine and is portrayed as one of the few success symbols in the country's prolonged post-Soviet economic crisis. More than 90,000 attended the match that prompted the ban, viewed as a national tragedy. Sports figures and politicians, including President Leonid Kuchma, pressed for a reversal.

Olympic torch won't pass through county with anti-gay resolution

ATLANTA (AP) - The Olympic torch relay will bypass a suburban county that adopted an anti-gay resolution three years ago, organizers announced Friday. Gay rights activists had threatened demonstrations if Cobb County was included in the torch relay, which begins in Los Angeles on April 27 and concludes in Atlanta on July 19.

"It is our goal to make the torch relay an exciting and memorable experience. We want to focus on the excitement of the event and not be distracted by other issues," the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games said in a statement.

In 1994, ACOG pulled Olympic volleyball competition out of Cobb County because of a furor over the resolution. Cobb commissioners have refused to rescind the 1993 resolution, which says "lifestyles advocated by the gay community ... are incompatible with the standards to which this community subscribes".

Bill Byrne, chairman of the county commission, did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment Friday. Jon-Ivan Weaver, co-chairman of the activist group Olympics Out of Cobb, said, "We have worked hard to make sure they uphold the Olympic ideals. Cobb County is not a place that deserves the Olympics".

Most of the torch's route has been announced over the past few months, but the final leg in metropolitan Atlanta was not mapped out in Friday's announcement.

British rugby player wins damages against referee. A British rugby union player, paralyzed for life 4 1/2 years ago in an under-19 game, won a court case on Friday in which he sued an amateur referee for £1 million damages. The level of damages will be assessed at a later date. Reuter

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CRITIC'S CHOICE



Brad Pitt (right) is the deranged son of a renowned scientist who may provide Bruce Willis with clues that could reverse mankind's future in '12 Monkeys.'

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

LAUGHTER is the best medicine, they say, and there's plenty of it in An Idiot to Dinner, the slick French comedy at Beit Liessan. Moshe Bekker plays Pierre, whose dinner parties have one rule. The guests have to bring an idiot with them. Well, nobody bargained for François, here played by Avi Uriyah. Tonight at 8:30. (Hebrew)

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* MIGHTY APHRODITE \*\*\* Woody Allen's latest offering continues along the mildly entertaining, overwhelmingly unambitious lines of his last few films. Fitzy as always, Allen plays Lenny, a sports writer married to a distracted, well-heeled gallery owner (Helena Bonham Carter, who stutters eerily here, just like Mia Farrow). A bit bored by his marriage, Lenny resolves to find out the identity of their adopted son's biological mother. She turns out to be a prostitute and porn actress - and an Episcopalian, to boot. Played by Mira Sorvino (who won a best supporting actress Oscar for the part), Linda is big, blonde and literate, a perfect foil for Allen's nebbishy little Lenny. The movie's hang-ups feel very familiar, remarkably enough, they're also pretty funny. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

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\*\*\* 12 MONKEYS \*\*\* In many ways, Terry Gilliam's latest movie is an attempt to synthesize the themes that have run throughout all of the director's work, an effort to find some makeshift use for the contents jam-packed into the warehouse of his own loopy visual imagination. It's a tribute to detritus of all sorts. The picture takes place in an old-fashioned future, where enormous, rusting cranks, chutes and turbines crowd the dingy underground landscape. The year is 2035 and 99 percent of the planet's population has been wiped out by a deadly virus - a strain of plague which also sounds vaguely archaic, medieval, like the Black Death. Bruce Willis stars as a convict sent back in time to gain knowledge and save the earth from further destruction, while Madeleine Stowe is a sexy expert in apocalyptic visions, and Brad Pitt, in a bravado comic performance, plays a wild-eyed schizophrenic who talks at a furious rate and jabs his fingers frantically into the open air, railing crazily about the craziness of The System. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

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SECOND SHOWING

22:00 Shadows in Paradise (1986, Finnish) - Romantic. A garbage collector falls in love with a shop girl. Only after she is fired and steals from the till does she respond to his overtures, and they plan a trip to Florida. (70 mins.) 22:15 Forget Me Not (1936) - musical melodrama. An English girl is torn between her love for an officer she meets on a ship to New York, and her husband, a tenor singer she greatly admires. (68 mins.)

DISCOVERY (8)

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# Gillon: Closure is not the answer

GREER FAY CASHMAN

THE closure costs the Palestinians between \$1 million and \$2 million a day, former General Security Services head Karmi Gilon told the New Generation of the Jerusalem Economic Forum on Friday.

Referring to economic symbiosis between Israel and the Palestinians, Gilon called the closure of the territories, in response to suicide bombings by Palestinian terrorists, a temporary measure. Every government has called closures, he observed, but each was forced to yield to pressures from industrialists and farmers who were sorely dependent on the Palestinian workforce. What ended past closures, he said, "was not a promise of security, but the pressure of industrialists and farmers and the dirt piling up in hospitals and other institutions."

Until February 24, before the first suicide bombing, some 80,000 Palestinians were employed within Israel's borders, he said. Today, the number has been reduced to 15,000.

Bringing in foreign workers has eased the employment situation, he said, but there are still 80,000 vacancies. In the textile and food industries he noted, it is difficult to find substitutes for trained Palestinian workers.

Effecting a total separation between Israel and the Palestinians is not a viable solution to the security problem, he said. What is important is to acquire improved technology which will enable better control of everyone and everything entering Israel.

Gilon, who is coordinating the establishment of industrial parks in the Palestinian Authority zone, also pointed out that by establishing industrial parks beyond the Green Line, Palestinians could work for Israeli companies on a regular basis.

The chief incentive for Israeli industrialists to set up such parks, he said, was the knowledge that their Palestinian employees would come to work 300 days a year, instead of 150.

Placing responsibility for security squarely on the shoulders of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, Gilon said, "we have to get Arafat to understand that the security which he can establish will enable us to make use of enormous economic potential" that will solve the financial problems of both the Palestinians and the Israelis.

## Stiffer punishment for violent spouses

Jerusalem Post Staff

IN an attempt to step up the battle against domestic violence, Justice Minister David Liba'i has approved legislation which would make it more difficult for violent husbands to hold weapons and stiffen court orders banning a violent spouse from his home, the Justice Ministry announced Friday.

The legislation, which will soon be presented to the cabinet for approval, was formulated by an interministerial committee and Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir.

Representatives from the Justice and Labor and Social Affairs ministries, the Israel Police, and voluntary organizations dealing with domestic violence made up the committee.

The bill would enable a court who convicts a spouse on a domestic violence charge to find out whether the defendant possesses a gun, and cancel the weapon license.

It would also enable a court to ban a violent spouse from his home for up to one year, instead of six months. This ban would not be limited to cases of physical violence.

According to another proposed change in the law to prevent domestic violence, the court may allow the spouse who has been banned from his home to meet with his children.

## Argument over soccer ball leads to shooting death

AN argument between two families about a children's soccer game in Ramle left one man shot to death and three slightly injured yesterday afternoon.

According to police, the incident started when a 33-year-old Ramle man refused to return a soccer ball that local children kicked into his yard. One of the children ran to get family members, telling them the man had hit him, and a fight ensued.

When the man who took the ball away saw some other men approaching his yard, he pulled out a licensed pistol and fired, killing Ravia Sarsur, 21, and wounding the others. Police arrested the shooter.

In a separate incident, a man was stabbed to death in Tel Aviv's Kfar Shalem neighborhood last night during an apparent fight between criminals. Police launched an investigation and the dead man's body was taken to the Abu Kabir Forensics Institute for an autopsy.

An argument over parking in Arad on Friday night ended in a brawl in which two people were slightly injured. The incident occurred when two men tried to park on a crowded street, and one man car's scratched another man's vehicle. The two exchanged curses, after which one of the men got some of his friends and proceeded to the other man's house, where they attacked him. After getting away, the man being beaten up subsequently summoned some of his friends, and in the ensuing brawl one driver was stabbed in the neck and suffered a dislocated shoulder, while the other broke his hand.

Police arrived at the scene and arrested the two drivers, but they were released so they could be treated at Soroka Hospital.

A fight between students at the Mikve Yisrael boarding school in Holon ended with one student stabbed Friday. A suspect was arrested by police. (tm)

## Students renew Beersheba-Tel Aviv train service

SYBIL EHRLICH

A PASSENGER train traveled from Beersheba to Tel Aviv on Thursday for the first time since 1978, when Israel Railways withdrew the service.

The train was hired by Ben-Gurion University's student union, after Israel Railways rejected their request to provide passenger service to the center of the country on Sundays and Thursdays. As a result, the union decided to lease the trains and run them at its own expense.

A bottle of champagne was smashed against the train in a symbolic launching as some 300 passengers, mainly students, climbed aboard for the 85-minute ride to Tel Aviv.

On May 2 and 9, the students' train will leave Tel Aviv at 2 p.m. Today and April 28 there will be trains from Tel Aviv central sta-



Some 400 kindergarten children were among the participants who got off to a running start in Friday's toddler race, which was part of the Tel Aviv half-marathon. (See Page 10) (Ra'i Dehyan)

## Gallup's cigarette taste test may be illegal

JUDY SIEGEL

A TASTE-TESTING survey of new American cigarettes being conducted by the Gallup Research Institute in Tel Aviv is "apparently illegal," said an unlabeled sample being distributed to volunteers are not marked with the cigarette's contents and have not been approved by the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the ministry spokesman's office said last week.

In addition, the "cigarette-tasting research" may be a criminal violation of a 1983 law that bars

the free distribution of cigarettes, whose enforcement is under the aegis of the Health Ministry.

The two ministries both said they would investigate the "research."

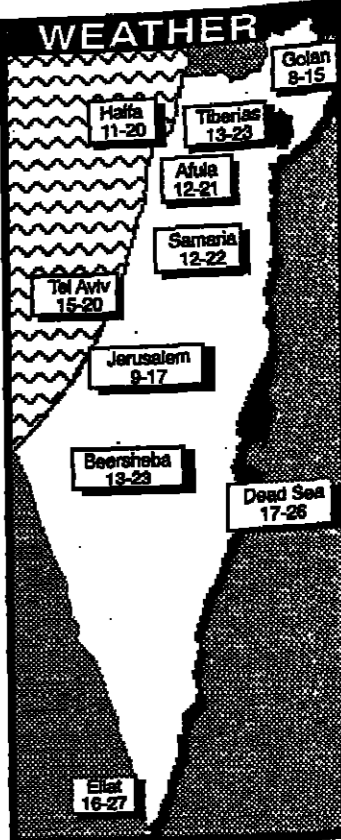
Small advertisements placed in the Hebrew papers by the institute, the local franchise of Gallup International, have resulted in hundreds of calls, according to a Gallup representative.

The ad seeks "regular smokers of Vogue or Kent short-regular cigarettes, aged 21 to 55 around the country, for taste-testing research of new cigarettes." At the bottom of the ad is the obligatory warning: "The Health Ministry has determined that smoking is dangerous to health."

Callers are told that if they join the survey, eight packets of different US-made cigarettes which are

not available in Israel would be brought to their homes. After they finished smoking them, a pollster would return with a detailed questionnaire about their preferences.

Gallup Research Institute Director Ya'acov Levy commented that the survey was a "non-commercial, blind-product test" in which cigarettes would be distributed in blank packaging, without any identifying marks except for a number and the Health Ministry's standard warning label.



### AROUND THE WORLD

Location	Low	High	Notes
Amsterdam	08	15	clear
Bahia	24	30	clear
Buenos Aires	12	24	clear
Chicago	06	14	cloudy
Copenhagen	05	11	cloudy
Frankfurt	08	15	clear
Geneva	08	15	clear
Hankou	04	11	cloudy
Hong Kong	18	24	cloudy
London	08	15	cloudy
Los Angeles	15	22	cloudy
Madrid	12	24	cloudy
Moscow	02	10	clear
New York	11	20	cloudy
Paris	08	15	clear
Rome	08	15	clear
Sydney	08	15	clear
Tokyo	08	15	clear
Zurich	08	15	clear

### US citizen pleads not guilty to murder

Arvin Johnson pleaded not guilty to murder charges in Haifa District Court Thursday. Johnson, a US national, is accused of killing his former girlfriend, Gamit Tziman. The court acceded to a defense request for a psychiatric evaluation. The next hearing will be on May 20. Esther Hecht

## Bakshi-Doron reportedly considered boycott of Yad Vashem ceremony

HAIM SHAPIRO

SEPHARDI Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron had considered boycotting the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Memorial Day ceremony at Yad Vashem and only decided not to do so because he did not want to mar the ceremony, a source close to the Chief Rabbinate said last week.

According to Dov Halberal, a former official at the Chief Rabbinate and the editor of *Yoman Moreshet*, a weekly radio program on religious affairs, Bakshi-Doron had been under the impression that he was to speak at the ceremony until only a few days beforehand. In fact, Halberal said, he learned he was not to speak during a live radio broadcast.

In the past, the chief rabbis had taken turns speaking at the annual ceremony. Last year, it was Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau's turn, and he delivered a message, but he was listed in the official program not as the chief rabbi, but as a "survivor." In retrospect, it appears the listing was not coincidental. This week, during his radio broadcast, Halberal called Bakshi-Doron to ask for his reaction. He said that, as far as he knew, he was to speak and said he

would clarify the matter. However, when his office contacted Yad Vashem, they were told he was not on the program.

In view of this, and the fact that the chief rabbis had not even been told of this decision, Bakshi-Doron had considered boycotting the ceremony, Halberal said.

In fact, Halberal added, the chief rabbis had not been asked to deliver a message at any of the three major ceremonies marking the day at Yad Vashem, the Knesset and the March of the Living in Poland.

Yad Vashem spokeswoman Avital Baer said that in recent years the format of the main memorial gathering had changed, so that it features the stories of the survivors themselves. In the past, she said, there had been six or seven speakers, including the chairman of Yad Vashem and representatives of the government and various organizations.

A religious tone had been preserved in the form of the recitation of a psalm by the chief IDF chaplain and the recitation of kaddish and *El Malei Rahamin*, she said.

## Public also suffers from slight to rabbis

COMMENT HAIM SHAPIRO

THE decision not to invite the chief rabbis to address the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day ceremony at Yad Vashem would be a matter of little importance were it not for the fact that it was preceded by a much greater slight to the Chief Rabbinate: they were also not invited to speak at Yitzhak Rabin's funeral.

In fact, as many rabbis are quick to point out privately, the only address with a Jewish spiritual message at the state funeral was that of US President Bill Clinton.

It was the American president, a devout Baptist, who linked Rabin's death with the weekly Torah portion concerning the sacrifice of Isaac and who spoke of the significance of the kaddish prayer. Indeed, some non-Jews who viewed the funeral could not

understand why a rabbi had not spoken.

Although many members of the public could not understand why the chief rabbis had not had any active role in the funeral, at the time the rabbis preferred to remain silent rather than appear to be quibbling at such a momentous event.

For many Israelis, and not necessarily those who number themselves among the Orthodox, a message from one or both of the chief rabbis can add a spiritual dimension to an otherwise secular event.

In Jewish tradition, it is not enough for rabbis to sit in the front row wearing distinctive garb or to recite prayers. A public event

must also include some element of Jewish learning.

Of course, this presents a challenge to the chief rabbis, or any other rabbi called upon to speak at a public gathering.

The message must be one which has meaning and relevance for members of the public, many of whom are not familiar with Jewish sources and do not see the chief rabbis, or any rabbi, as an adjudicator of Halacha.

In the past, many of the rabbis in official positions have failed to live up to this challenge.

However, that some rabbis have failed to bring a spiritual message to their audiences does not mean that the spiritual element should be neglected. To do otherwise would be to deliberately empty Israeli public life of Jewish content.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Child drowns in drainage pit**  
A two-year-old from the Beduin village Aroer drowned yesterday after falling into a drainage pit near his parents' tent. Ahmed Gavueh had been playing with his brother yesterday morning when he suddenly disappeared. His family began searching for him and, noticing the open pit, suspected he had fallen into it and contacted the police for help.

Police, firefighters, Civil Guard volunteers and Magen David Adom workers came and retrieved the child's body from the pit. *tm*

**Tourist drowns in Dead Sea**  
Pierre Bamberg, 66, drowned yesterday in the Dead Sea, apparently after swallowing salt water. The Swiss tourist had been swimming when he suddenly apparently drowned. He was brought to shore and, after several unsuccessful efforts to revive him, a doctor declared him dead. *tm*

**Web site on Eichmann trial**  
A new Internet site has been set up to provide information on the Eichmann trial, which was held in Jerusalem in 1961. The database is in Hebrew but there are plans for an English site, the ministry spokesman said.

The "I Accuse" - Testimony form the Eichmann trial site offers a comprehensive review of the trial of one of the architects of the Holocaust. The site is a joint project of the Education Ministry and the Hebrew University, and is intended for both researchers and laymen.

It includes the testimony of some 106 prosecution witnesses, historical documents, a chronicle of events, a glossary, a model of instruction, and a bibliography.

The site can be accessed at http://www.smonit.k12.il. *Batsheva Tsaur*

